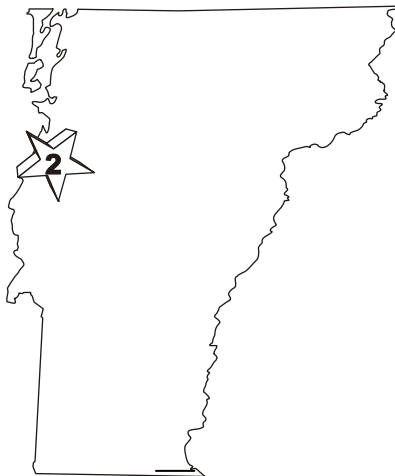


2005 Community Profile



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Dear Vermonter,

This marks the eleventh year of our *Community Profiles*, which annually report latest-available data, over time, on more than 60 indicators of individual, family, and community well-being. The indicators are tied to *10 outcomes*—each a statement of the vision we have for our state and its people. The *Community Profiles* are a key component of an outcomes-oriented approach within the Agency, and is supported by our twelve Regional Partnerships. The Agency's strategic plan, as well as efforts of our many regional partners, will draw on *Community Profile* data, along with other sources of information, to prioritize attention, plan activities, and measure performance. The *Community Profiles* also reflect the partnership between the Agency of Human Services, and the Department of Education and its *School Reports*. Together, these documents provide a status report on key conditions of success in school, and on the family and community well-being that support school success, as required by legislation passed by the 1999 Vermont General Assembly (H. 554, Sec. 100).

The *Profiles* can be a useful starting point for communities wanting to take a broad look at quality-of-life issues, or for those ready to focus on a specific area of concern. In either case, engaged citizens will want to probe beyond these data, to ask "why?," and to seek further sources of information that will add detail to the broad overview presented here. You may want to discuss with your fellow citizens the factors influencing your community's current portrait, and what the community is doing, and can do, together to change that picture. It is important to note that making progress on one indicator is often related to progress on others. Practically, this means that communities may want to extend their consideration beyond their first areas of concern; it also means that there are many "right" ways to do this work.

New with this year's *Profiles* are data from the 2005 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, including a new indicator: *Percent of students who have an adult in their life they can turn to for help and advice*. Vermont is a national leader in its commitment to measuring assets vital to its young people.

We have dramatically reduced our production of paper copies of the *Community Profiles*. From the Agency of Human Services website (www.ahs.state.vt.us) all *Profiles* are viewable on-line, and complete data tables for all indicators for all *Profiles* are available for download. We hope you will take the opportunity to use this resource in the format that's right for you. And please let us know how it's making a difference in your community.

Sincerely,

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USERS' GUIDE

“Community” is a term that means different things, depending on one’s purposes. Here, our “working definition” of community is the area served by a **school supervisory union**. This is a unit meaningful to children and families; small enough to be considered truly “local”; and usually large enough to avoid some of the problematic issues associated with very small populations. Where supervisory union data are unreliable or not available, we present data at the state and county levels only. For supervisory unions that cross county boundaries, assignment was made to the county containing the majority of the population.

Generally, the most meaningful and useful comparisons for a community are with itself, over time. However, for each indicator, we also present data for the state as a whole, and for the county, to provide additional context for comparisons. For some indicators, statewide goals, set out in *Healthy Vermonters 2010*, are also identified.

Wherever practical, we present rates as well as counts for each indicator. **Rates** (for example, percents, or rates per 1000 population) adjust for the varying size of populations. Population figures used in calculating rates are estimates, not exact counts; therefore, the rates shown here are also estimates. Because numbers (or counts) at a community level (and sometimes even at a county or state level) are likely to be small, even small year-to-year changes can have dramatic effects on rates. In order to provide a more reliable basis for planning, therefore, we calculate some community-level numbers and rates using rolling 3-year averages. In such cases, the label “1995,” for example, refers to the average of the years 1993 to 1995; “1996” refers to the average of 1994 to 1996.

In the back of the report we provide detailed notes and statistics on the indicators, including (where appropriate) the actual numerators and denominators used to calculate the rates, and “95% confidence ranges.” The confidence range, similar to a “margin of error,” represents the **range** of values within which the “true,” or underlying, rate is likely (with no more than a 5 percent rate of chance) to fall. If the confidence ranges for any two rates for a given indicator (e.g., state and county, county and community) **overlap** (share values in common), they are **not** significantly different, statistically speaking. However, statistical significance is **only one factor** communities may want to consider as part of their assessment and planning.

This project reflects the cooperation of many people in the Agency of Human Services, and partners elsewhere in state government. We are grateful for all their efforts in providing this information; original data sources are noted in the back of the report. However, responsibility for the accuracy of the data here rests with the Agency of Human Services, Planning Division.

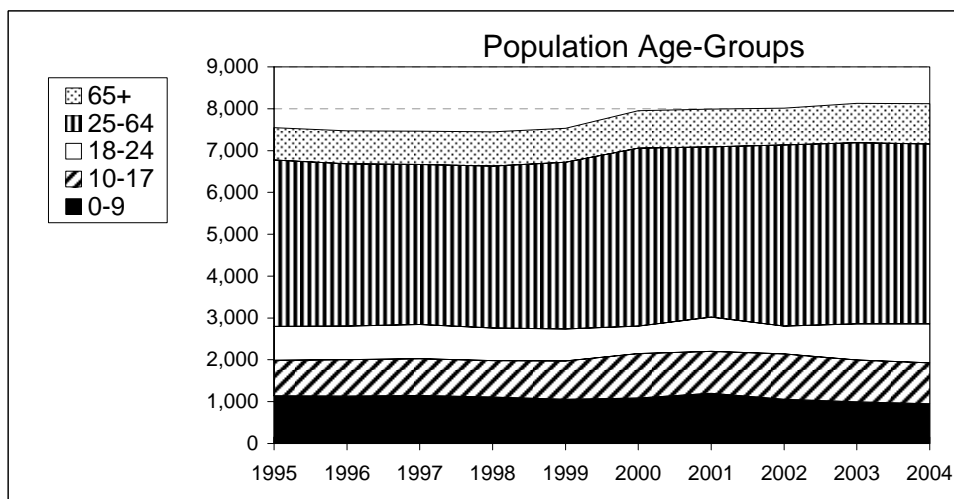
The *Profile* is a “work-in-progress.” As communities consider and use the data, you will tell us how to make it better, more useful. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Report for the community served by Addison Northwest Supervisory Union
(Includes the towns of Addison, Ferrisburg, Panton, Vergennes, Waltham)

County: Addison; AHS District: Middlebury

Estimated community population by age-group

<u>Ages</u>	<u>0-9</u>	<u>10-17</u>	<u>18-24</u>	<u>25-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
Year: 1995	1,139	851	808	3,974	778
TOTAL = 7,550					
Year: 2004	946	980	935	4,296	967
TOTAL = 8,124					

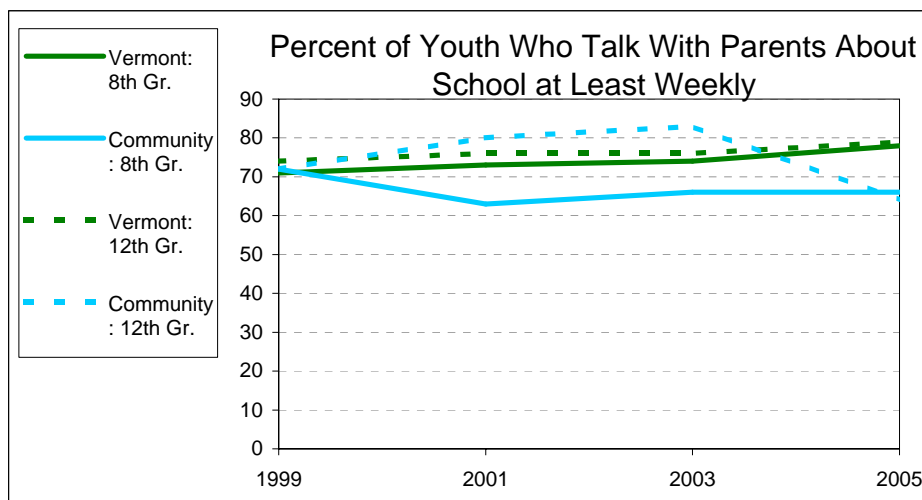


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OUTCOME: FAMILIES, YOUTH AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITY'S DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES

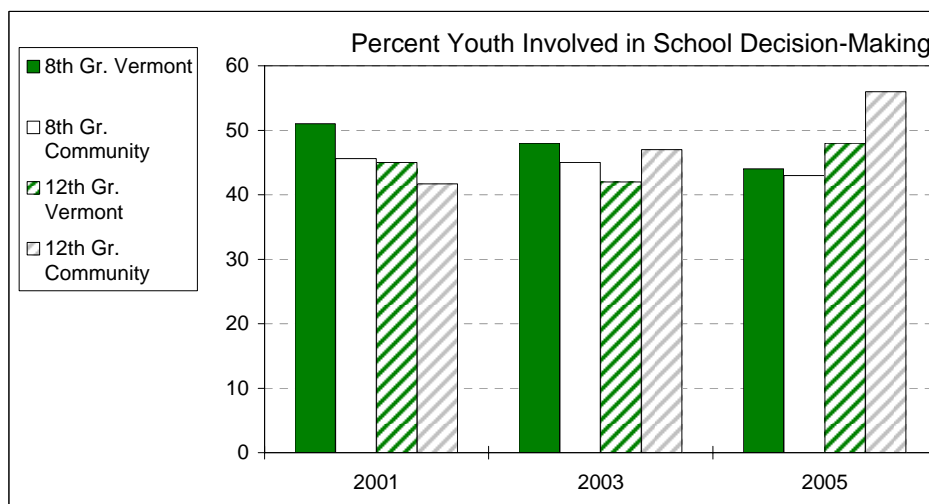
Indicator: *Percent of youth who report parents talk regularly with them about school*

		Vermont	Community
		Rate	Rate
Year: 1999	8th Gr.	71	72
	12th Gr.	74	72
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	48	45
	12th Gr.	42	47



Indicator: *Percent of youth who report they help decide what goes on in their school*

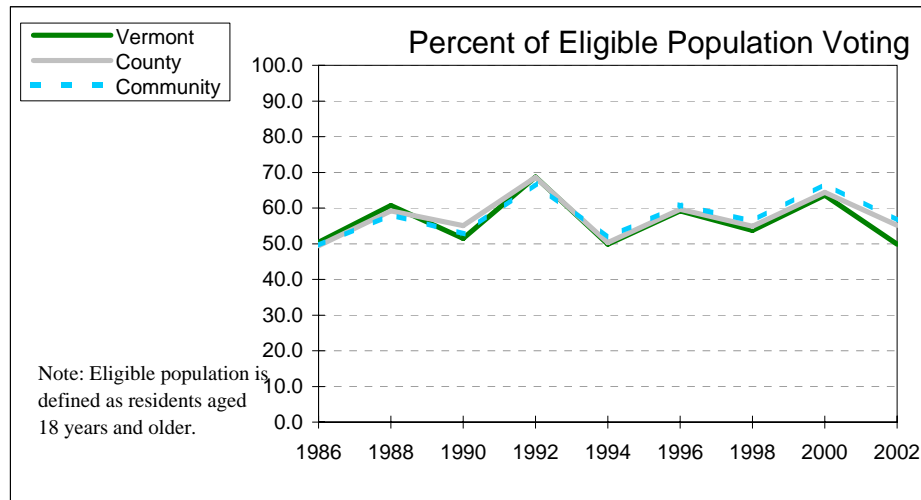
		Vermont	Community
		Rate	Rate
Year: 2001	8th Gr.	51	46
	12th Gr.	45	42
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	48	45
	12th Gr.	42	47



**OUTCOME: FAMILIES, YOUTH AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR
COMMUNITY'S DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Indicator: *Percent of eligible population voting in general elections*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Community</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 1986	50.4	49.4	49.5	2,371
Year: 2004	64.8	65.3	66.8	4,143



Measuring consumer and citizen participation in the life of their communities, while vitally important in achieving the other outcomes, is difficult to measure from a distance. This is an area where communities will take the lead in identifying additional indicators. A list (by no means complete) of some measures for which communities might collect data locally follows:

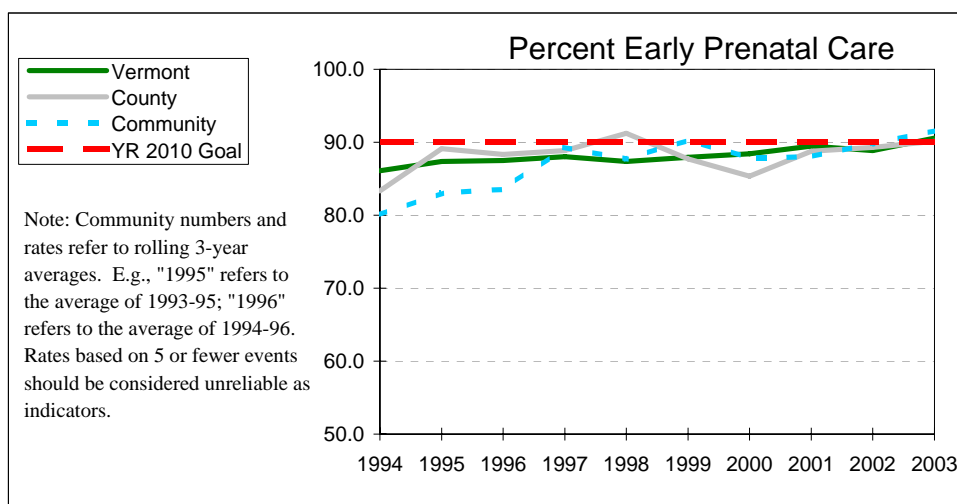
Number of hours volunteered in community service
Readership rates at local libraries
Number of adults involved in mentoring programs
Participation at Town Meeting and other community forums
Students involved in "service learning"
Attendance at civic events (games, concerts, theater, etc.)
Participation in civic and non-profit organizations, clubs,
and sports teams
Number of positions in local elections that are contested
Number of people obtaining Community Leadership Training,
or other "empowerment" experience

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OUTCOME: PREGNANT WOMEN AND YOUNG CHILDREN THRIVE

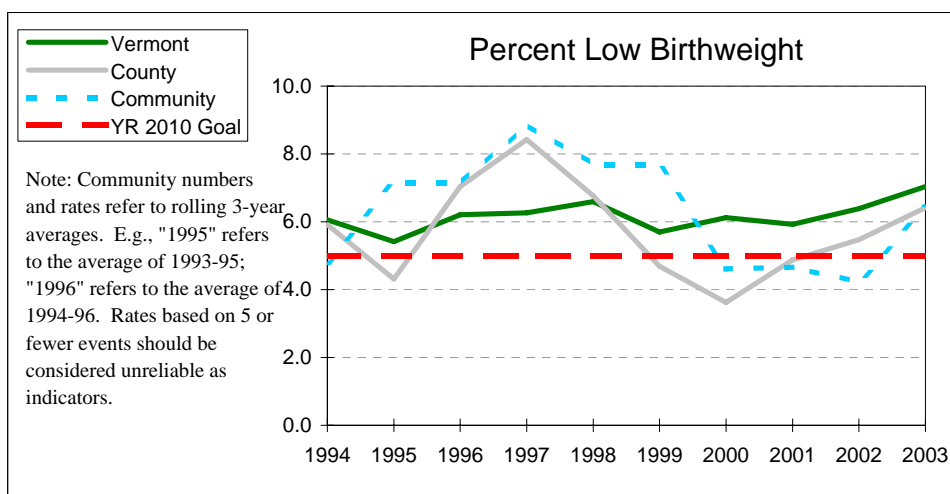
Indicator: *Percent early prenatal care (beginning in 1st trimester)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number	Healthy Vermonters Year 2010 Goal (Rate)
Year: 1994	86.1	83.3	80.1	87	
Year: 2003	90.6	90.1	91.6	83	90.0



Indicator: *Percent low birthweight (under 5.5 pounds)*

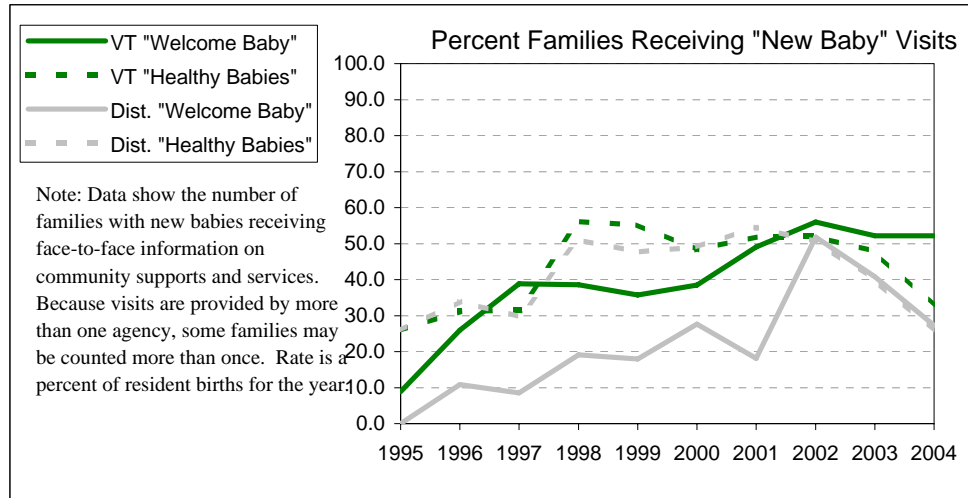
	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number	Healthy Vermonters Year 2010 Goal (Rate)
Year: 1994	6.1	5.9	4.8	5	
Year: 2003	7.0	6.4	6.4	6	4.5



OUTCOME: PREGNANT WOMEN AND YOUNG CHILDREN THRIVE

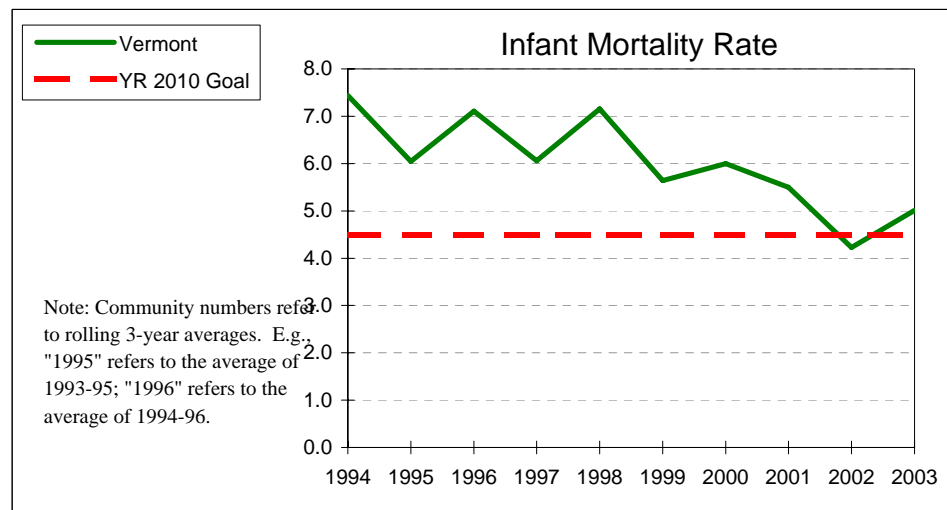
Indicator: *Percent of births where families receive "new baby" visits*

	Vermont Rate	District Rate	District Number
Year: 1995 'WB'	8.9	0.0	0
Year: 1995 'HB'	25.9	25.9	102
Year: 2004 'WB'	52.2	27.2	97
Year: 2004 'HB'	32.7	25.6	91



Indicator: *Infant mortality (deaths before 1 year; rate is per 1,000 births)*

	Vermont Rate	County Number	Community Number	Healthy Vermonters Year 2010 Goal (Rate)
Year: 1994	7.4	1	1	
Year: 2003	5.0	2	0	4.5

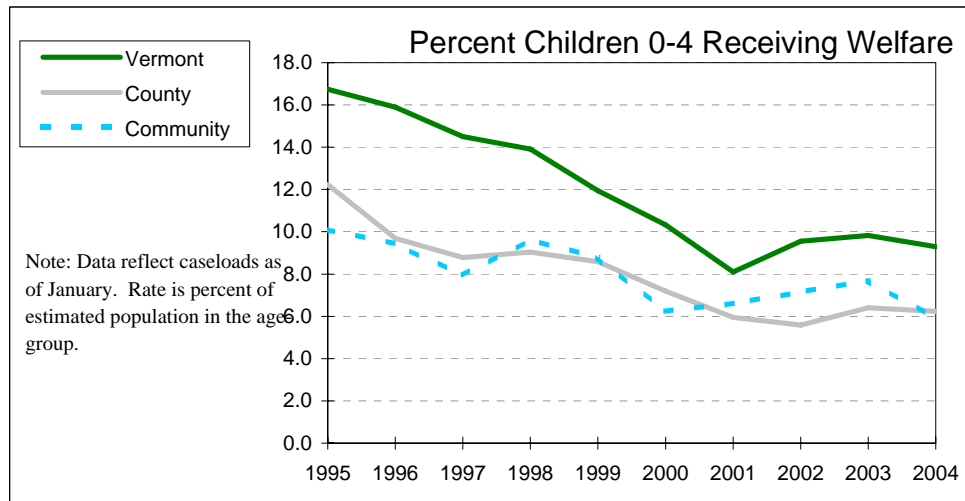


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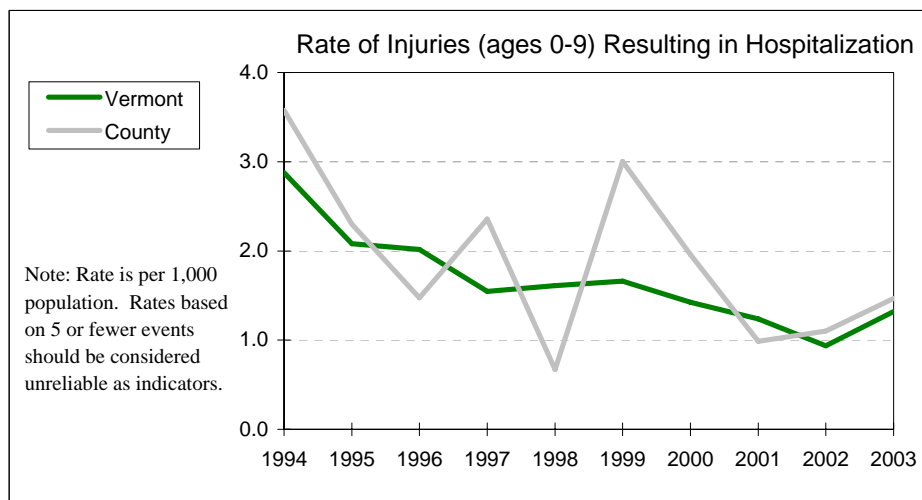
Indicator: *Percent of children (ages 0-4) in families receiving welfare (Reach Up)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1995	16.7	12.2	10.1	58
Year: 2004	9.3	6.2	5.9	27



Indicator: *Rate of injuries (0-9) resulting in hospitalization*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1994	2.9	3.6	17
Year: 2003	1.3	1.5	6

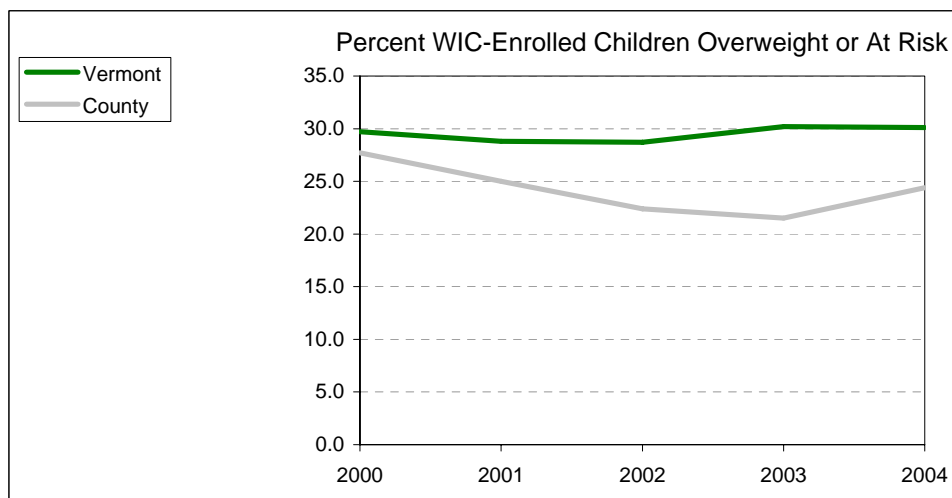


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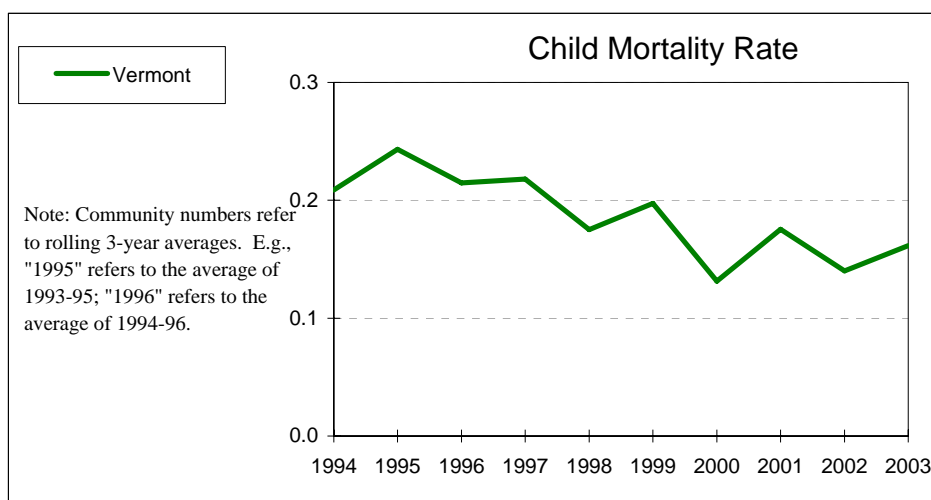
Indicator: *Percent of children (ages 2-4) enrolled in WIC who are overweight or at risk of being overweight*

	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Rate</i>
Year: 2000	29.7	27.7
Year: 2004	30.1	24.4



Indicator: *Child mortality (deaths, ages 1-14; rate is per 1,000 population)*

	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Number</i>	<i>Community Number</i>
Year: 1994	0.2	1	0
Year: 2003	0.2	2	0

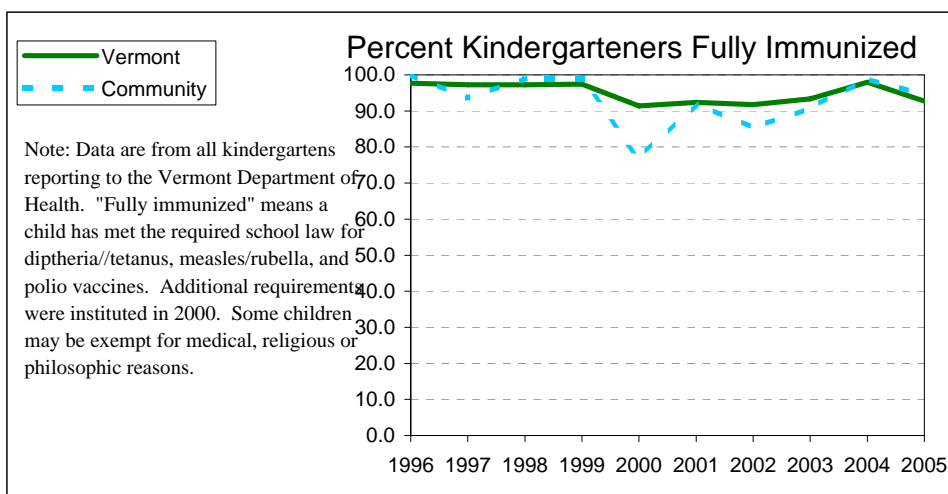


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OUTCOME: CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

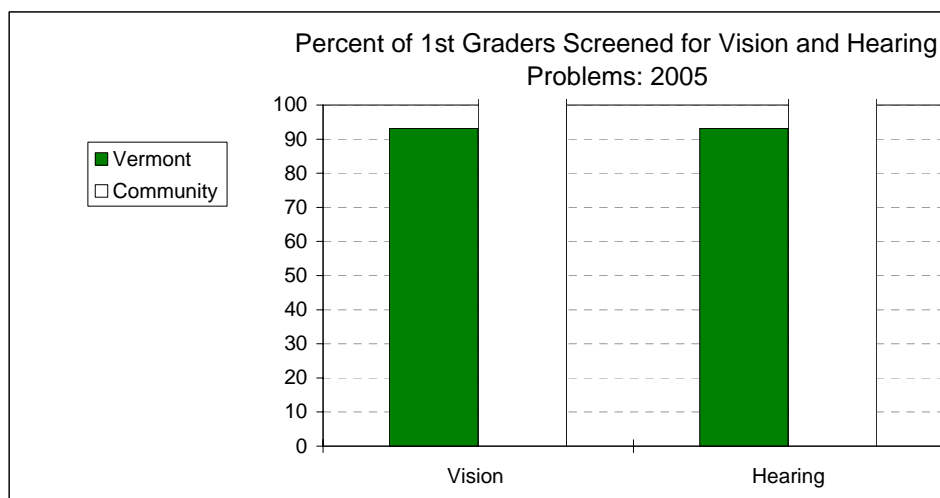
Indicator: *Percent of kindergarteners fully immunized*

	Vermont	Community	Community
	Rate	Rate	Number
Year: 1996	97.7	100.0	122
Year: 2005	92.8	94.5	86



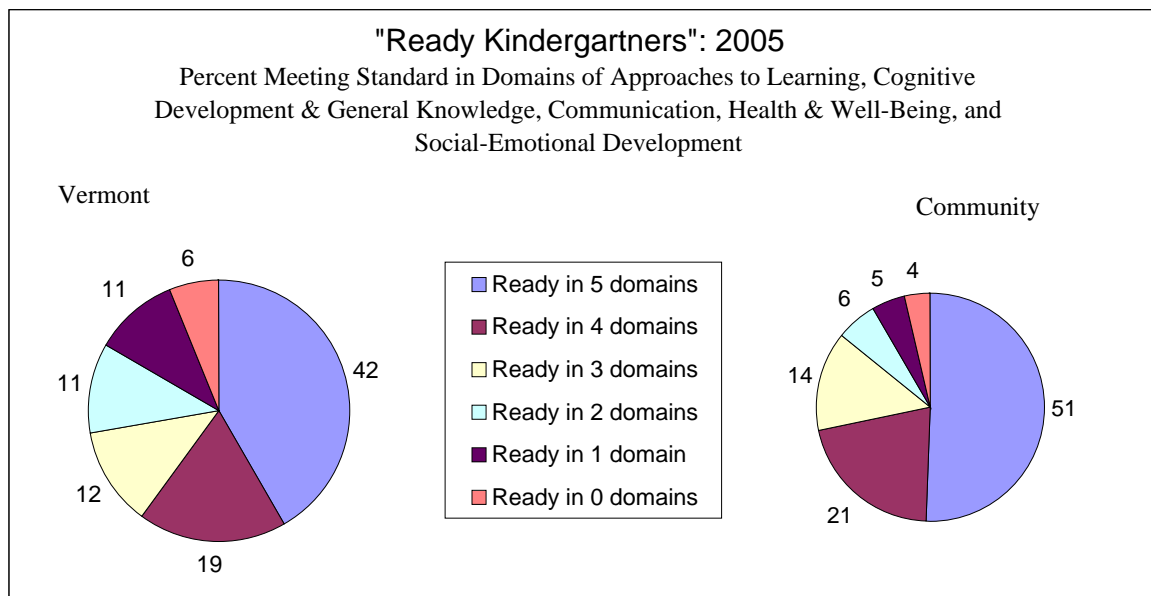
Indicator: *Percent of children screened by 1st grade for vision and hearing problems*

	Vermont	Community	Community
	Rate	Rate	Number
Year: 2005 Vision	93.1	107.7	108
Hearing	93.1	107.7	108



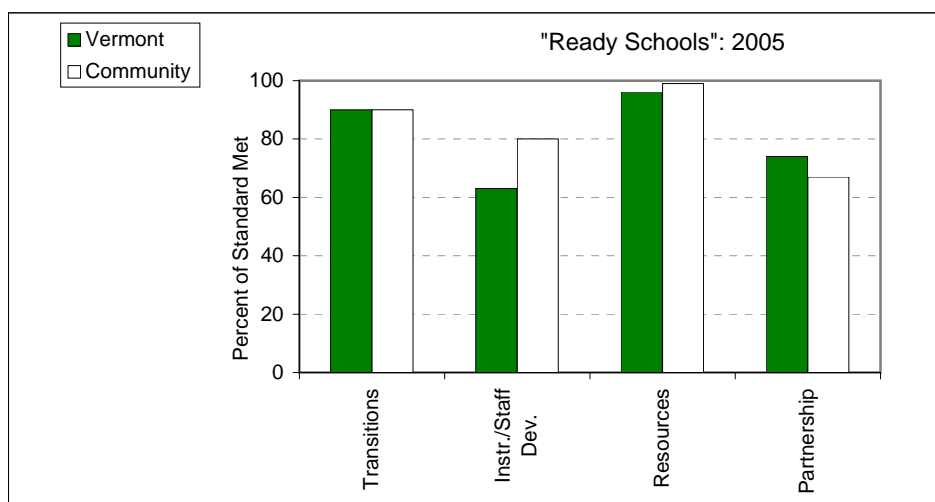
OUTCOME: CHILDREN ARE READY FOR SCHOOL

Indicator: *Percent of children ready for kindergarten*



Indicator: *"Ready Schools"*

		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 2005	Smooth Transitions to School	90	90
	Instruction & Staff Development	63	80
	Access to Resources	96	99
	Partnership with Community	74	67

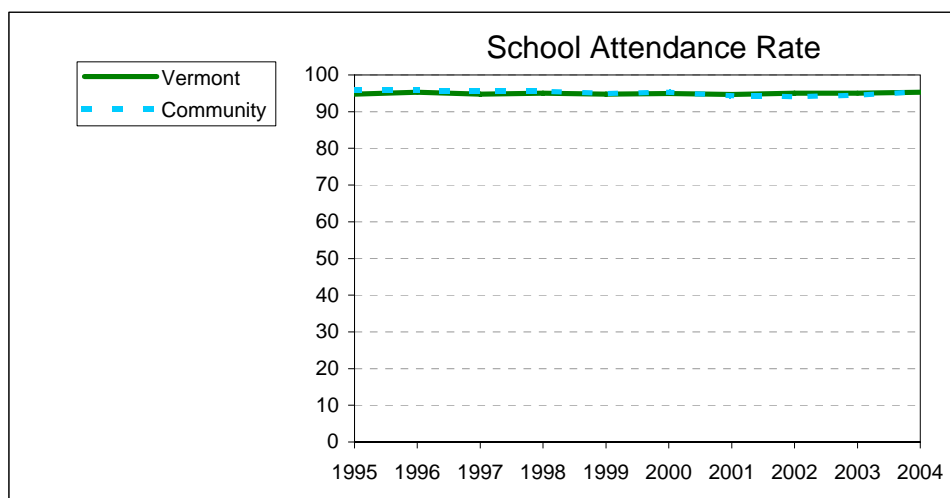


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OUTCOME: CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

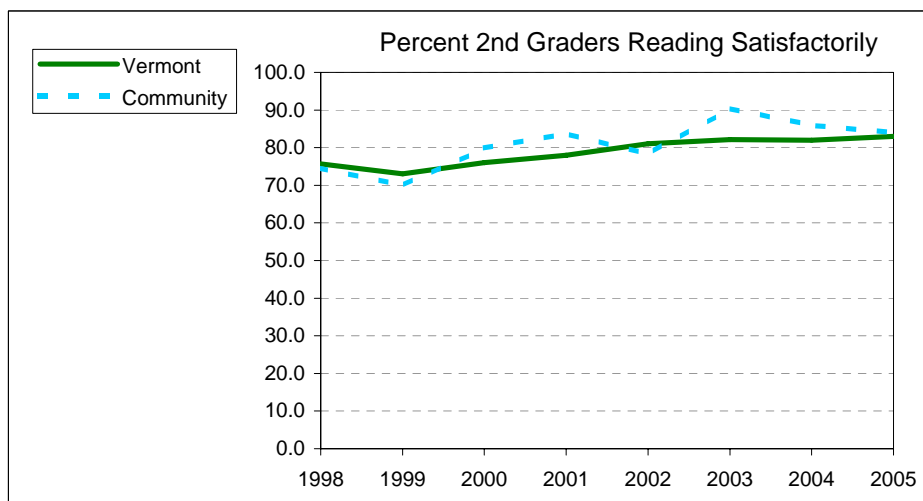
Indicator: *School attendance rate (average percent of days attended)*

	Vermont	Community
Rate	Rate	Rate
Year: 1995	94.8	96.0
Year: 2004	95.3	95.5



Indicator: *Percent of 2nd graders meeting standard on Developmental Reading Assessment*

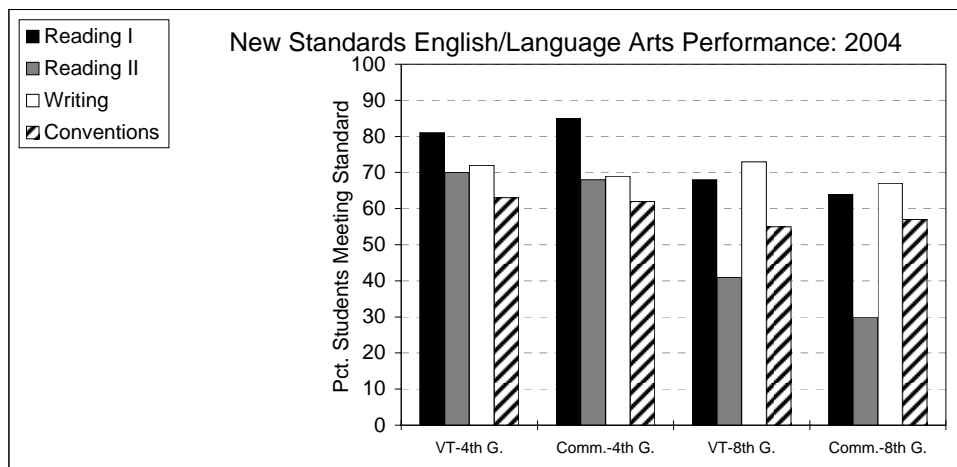
	Vermont	Community
Rate	Rate	Rate
Year: 1998	76	75
Year: 2005	83	84



OUTCOME: CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

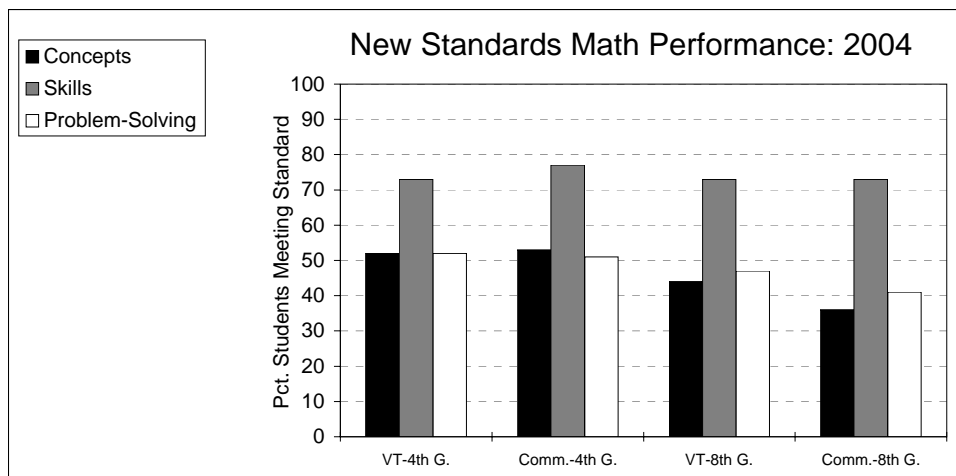
Indicator: *English/Language Arts New Standards performance (pct. meeting the standard)*

	<i>Vermont 4th Grade</i>	<i>Community 4th Grade</i>	<i>Vermont 8th Grade</i>	<i>Community 8th Grade</i>
Year: 2004				
Reading I	81.0	85.0	68.0	64.0
Reading II	70.0	68.0	41.0	30.0
Writing	72.0	69.0	73.0	67.0
Conventions	63.0	62.0	55.0	57.0



Indicator: *Math New Standards performance (percent meeting the standard)*

	<i>Vermont 4th Grade</i>	<i>Community 4th Grade</i>	<i>Vermont 8th Grade</i>	<i>Community 8th Grade</i>
Year: 2004				
Concepts	52.0	53.0	44.0	36.0
Skills	73.0	77.0	73.0	73.0
Problem-Solving	52.0	51.0	47.0	41.0

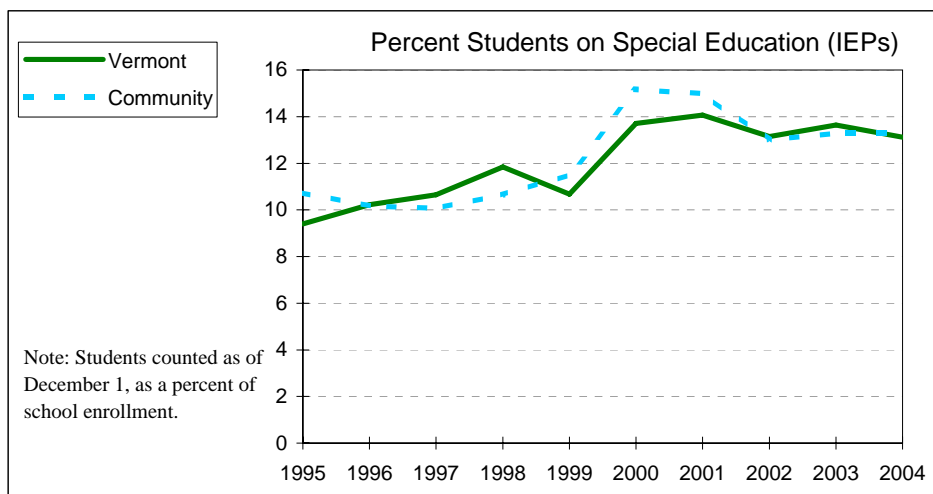


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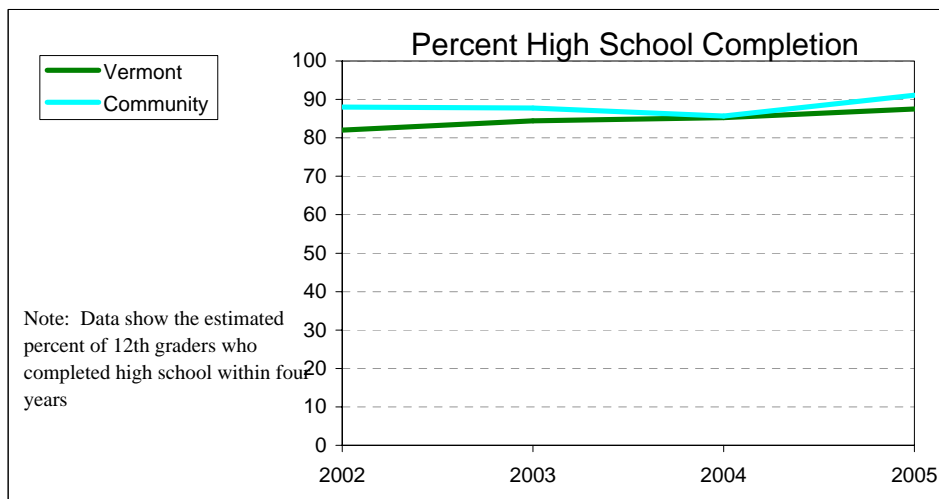
Indicator: *Percent of students with special education IEPs (Individualized Education Plans)*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Community</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 1995	9.4	10.7	n/a
Year: 2004	13.1	13.3	174



Indicator: *Estimated percent high school completion*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Community</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 2002	82	88	85
Year: 2005	88	91	102

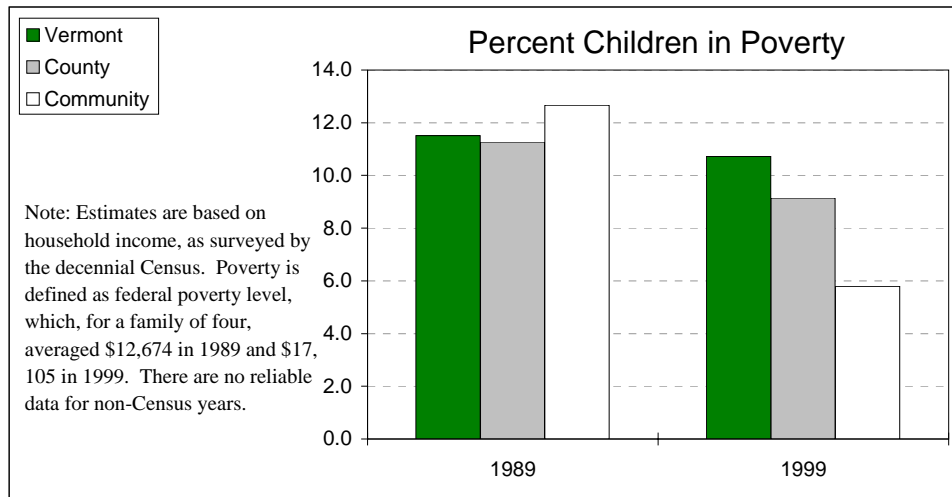


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OUTCOME: CHILDREN LIVE IN STABLE, SUPPORTED FAMILIES

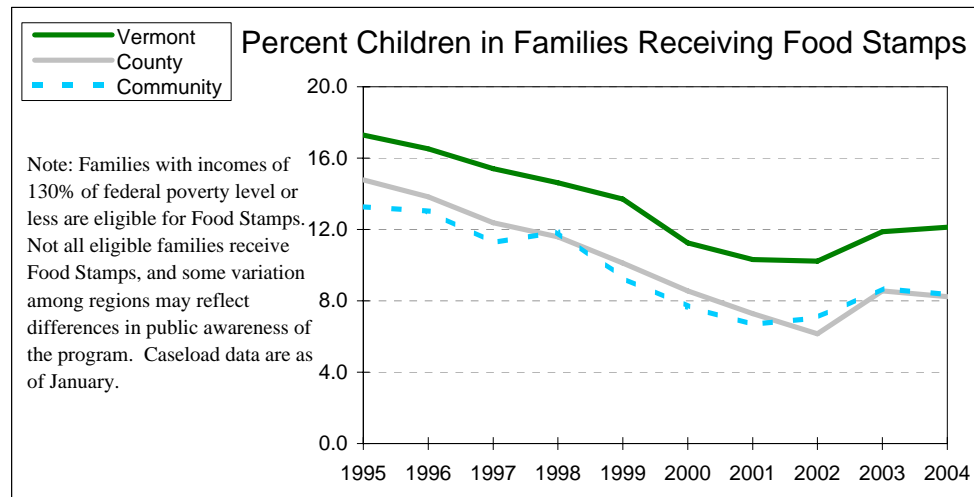
Indicator: *Percent children in poverty*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1989	11.5	11.3	12.7	229
Year: 1999	10.7	9.1	5.8	113



Indicator: *Percent children in families receiving Food Stamps (proxy for children in poverty)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1995	17.3	14.8	13.3	264
Year: 2004	12.1	8.2	8.4	161

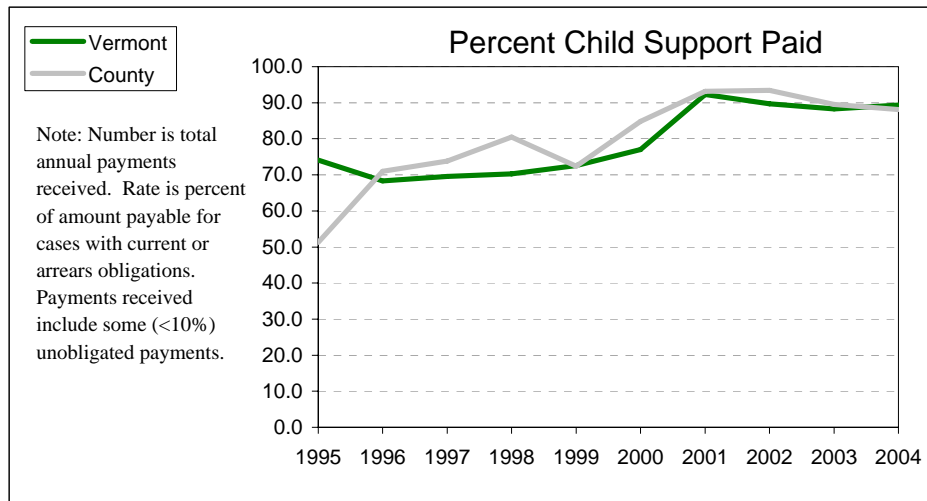


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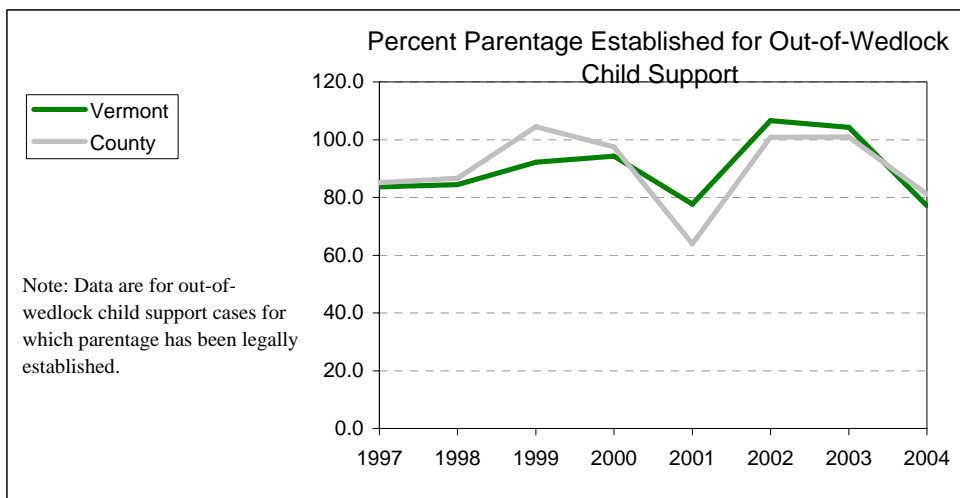
Indicator: *Percent child support paid*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1995	74.1	51.3	\$1,131,693
Year: 2004	89.4	88.1	\$2,400,690



Indicator: *Percent parentage established for out-of-wedlock child support cases*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1997	83.7	85.1	337
Year: 2004	0.0	0.0	519

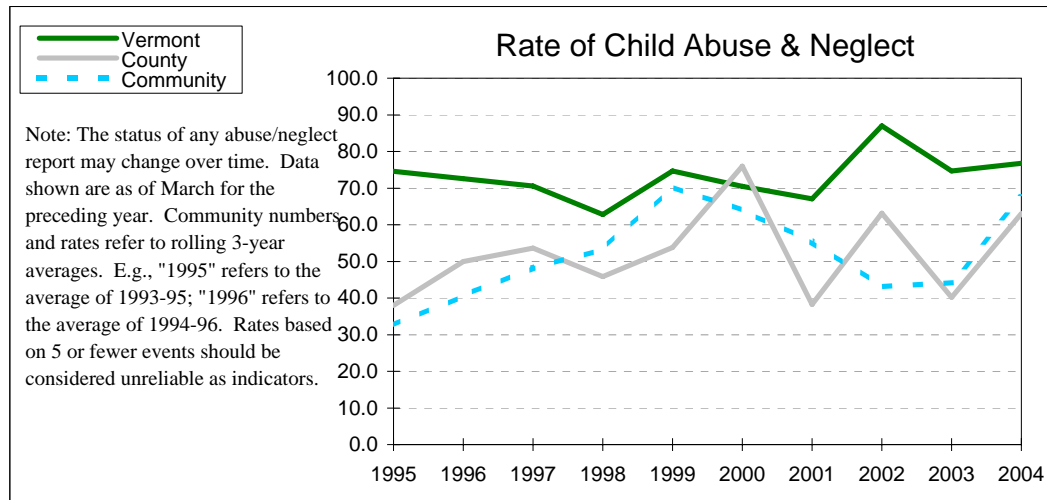


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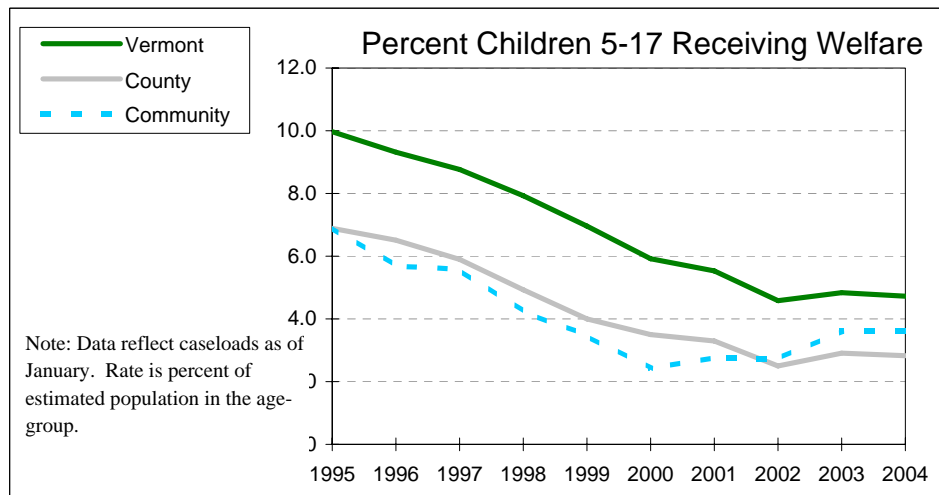
Indicator: *Child abuse and neglect (substantiated victims per 10,000 children aged 0-17)*

	Vermont	County	Community	Community
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Number
Year: 1995	74.5	38.0	32.5	6
Year: 2004	76.7	63.0	67.5	11



Indicator: *Percent of children (ages 5-17 years) in families receiving welfare (Reach Up)*

	Vermont	County	Community	Community
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Number
Year: 1995	10.0	6.9	6.9	98
Year: 2004	4.7	2.8	3.6	53

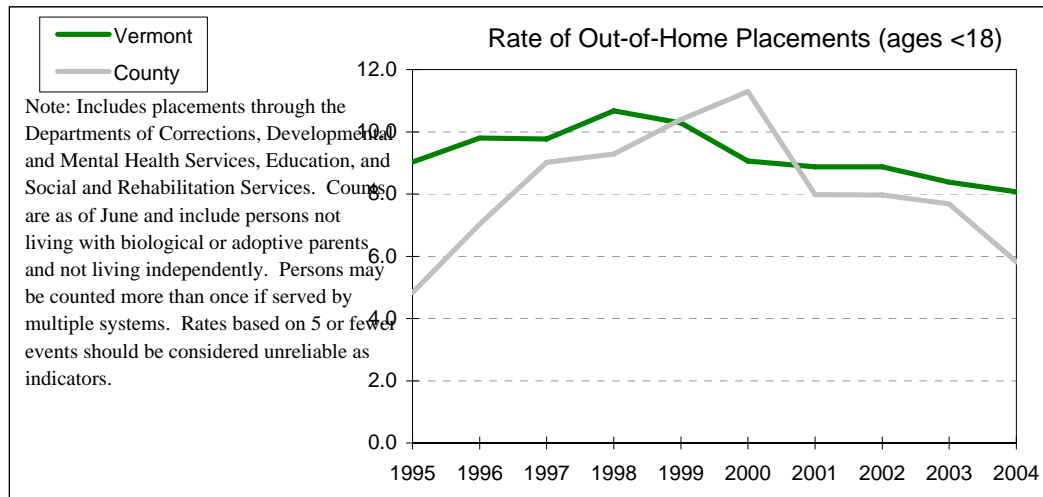


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OUTCOME: CHILDREN LIVE IN STABLE, SUPPORTED FAMILIES

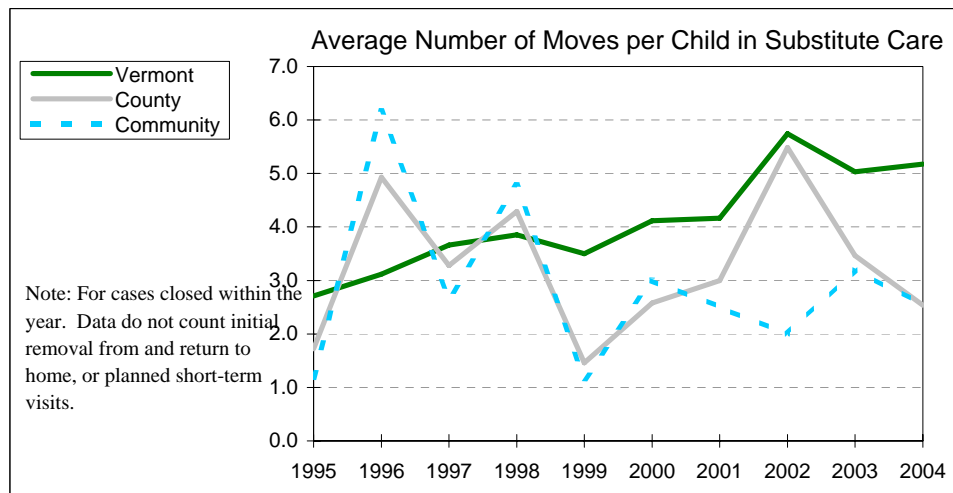
Indicator: *Out-of-home placements, ages < 18 yrs. (rate is per 1,000 population)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1995	9.0	4.8	42
Year: 2004	8.1	5.8	48



Indicator: *Average number of moves within the child substitute care system*

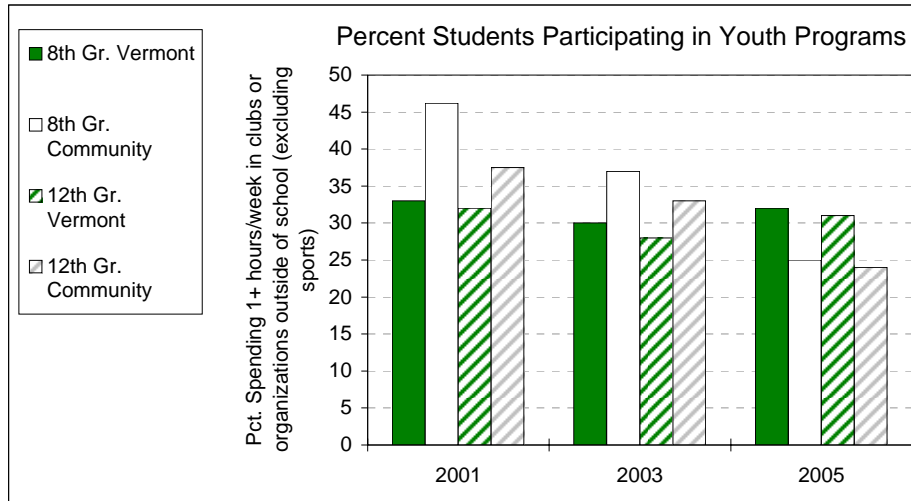
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Year: 2004	5.2	2.5	2.5



OUTCOME: YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

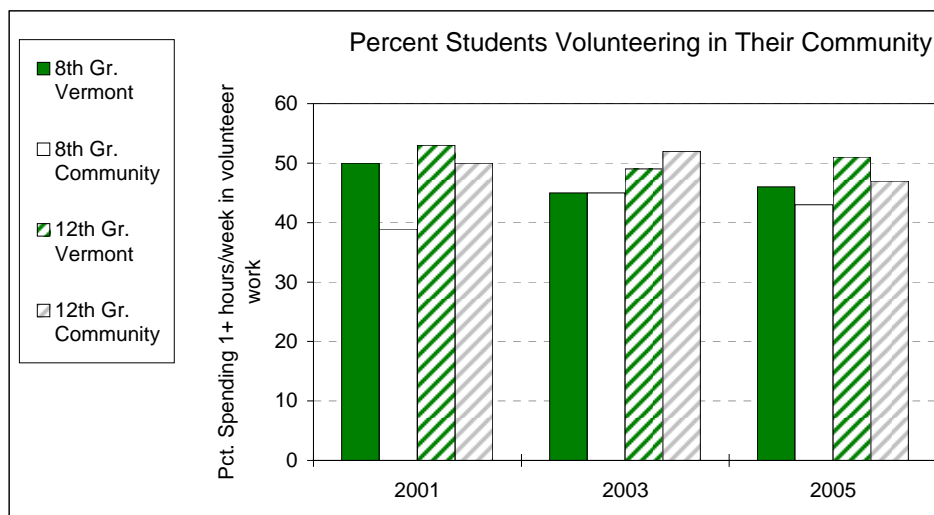
Indicator: *Percent of students participating in youth programs*

		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 2001	8th Gr.	33	46
	12th Gr.	32	38
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	32	25
	12th Gr.	31	24



Indicator: *Percent of students volunteering in their community*

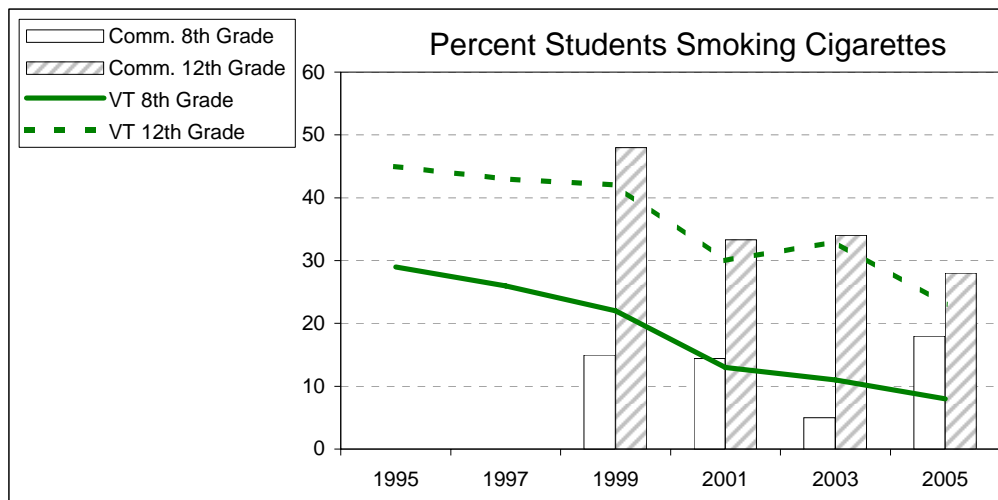
		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 2001	8th Gr.	50	39
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Year: 2005	8th Gr.	46	43
	12th Gr.	51	47



OUTCOME: YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

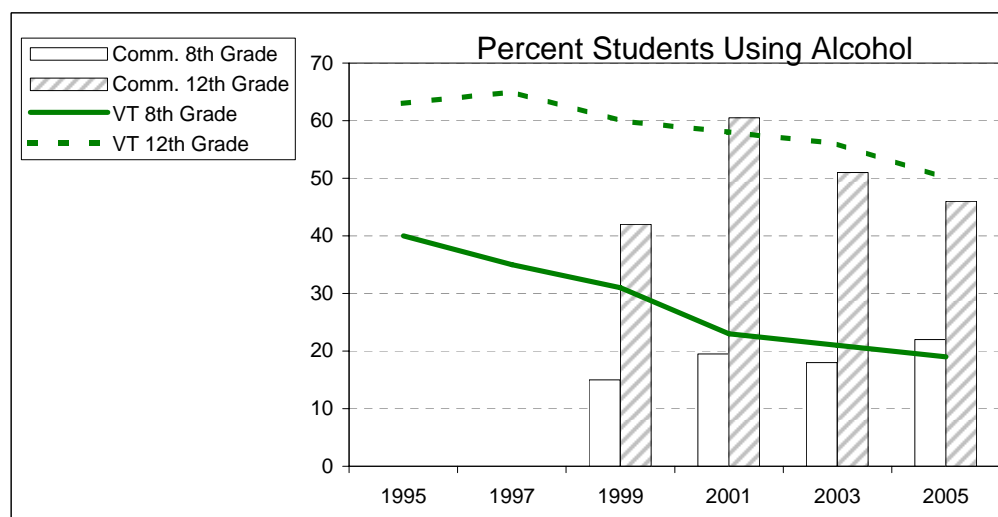
Indicator: *Percent of students smoking cigarettes within past 30 days*

		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 1995	8th Gr.	29	n/a
	12th Gr.	45	n/a
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	8	18
	12th Gr.	23	28



Indicator: *Percent of students using alcohol within past 30 days*

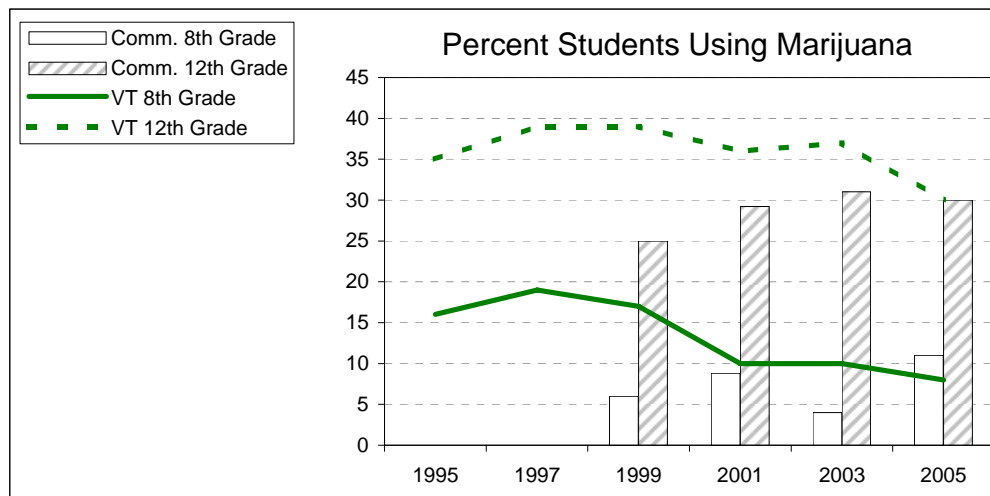
		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 1995	8th Gr.	40	n/a
	12th Gr.	63	n/a
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	19	22
	12th Gr.	50	46



OUTCOME: YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

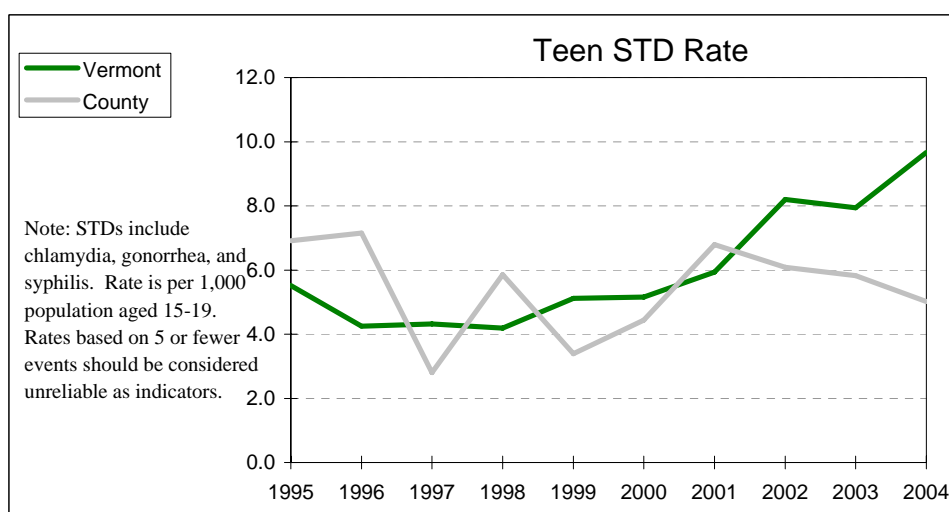
Indicator: *Percent of students using marijuana within past 30 days*

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Year: 1995	8th Gr.	16	n/a
	12th Gr.	35	n/a
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	8	11
	12th Gr.	30	30



Indicator: *Rate of teen sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1995	5.5	6.9	18
Year: 2004	9.7	5.0	17

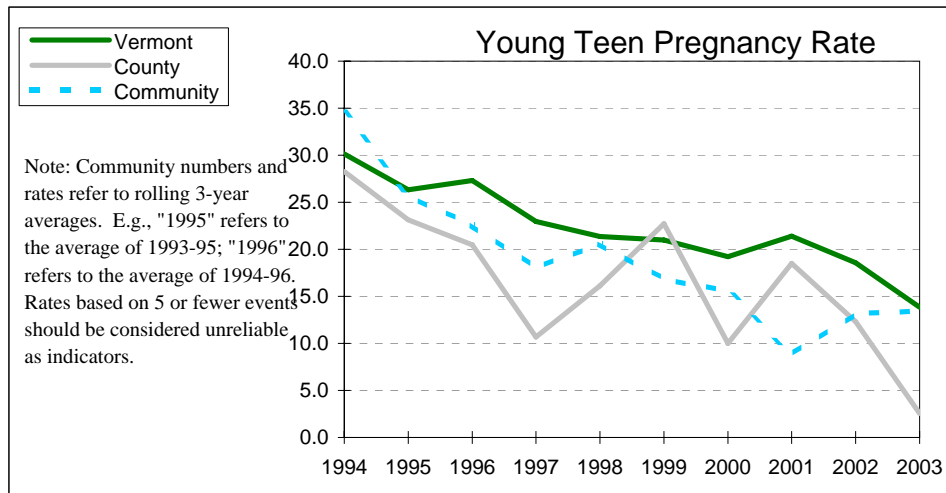


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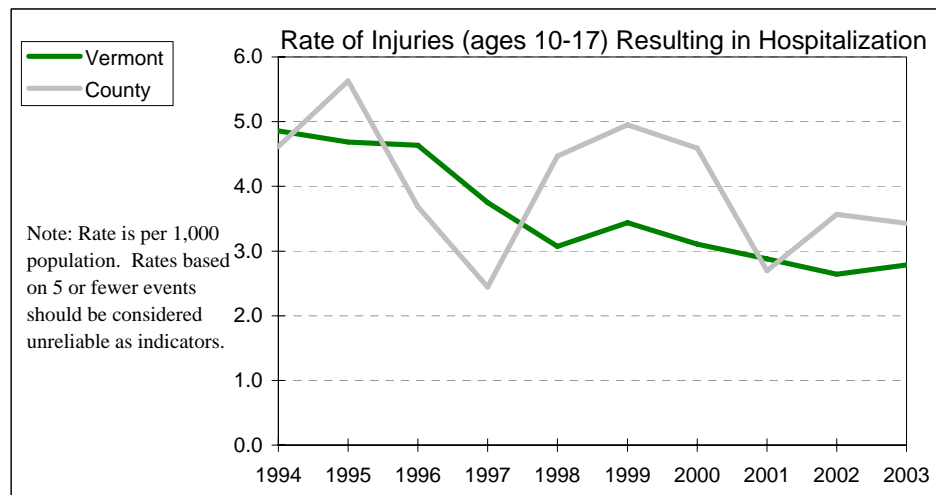
Indicator: *Young teen pregnancy rate (ages 15-17; rate is per 1,000 female population)*

	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Rate</i>	<i>Community Rate</i>	<i>Community Number</i>
Year: 1994	30.1	28.3	34.6	5
Year: 2003	13.9	2.5	13.4	3



Indicator: *Rate of injuries (ages 10-17) resulting in hospitalization*

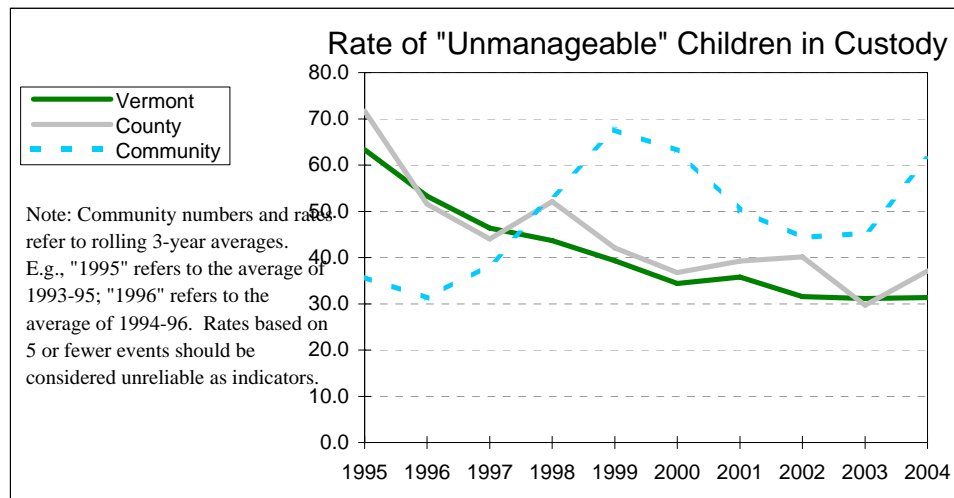
	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Rate</i>	<i>County Number</i>
Year: 1994	4.9	4.6	18
Year: 2003	2.8	3.4	15



OUTCOME: YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

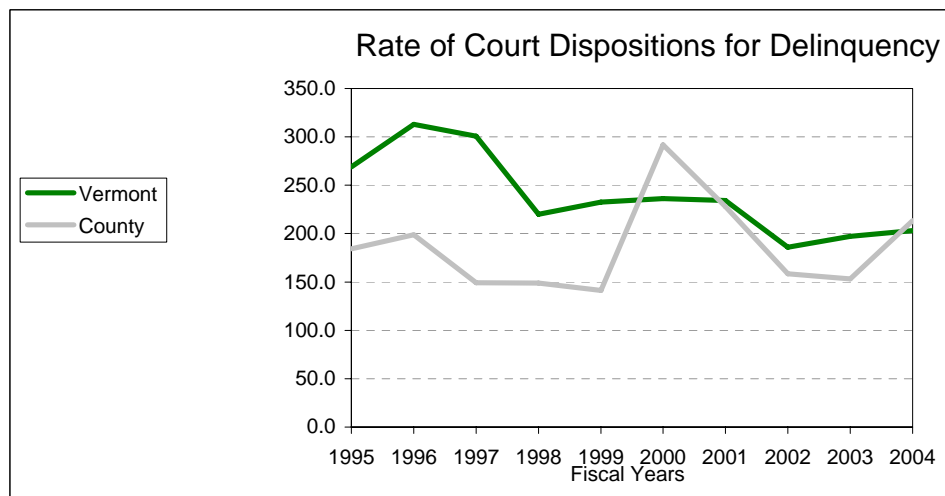
Indicator: *Custody rate for children deemed "unmanageable"(per 10,000 children aged 10-17)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1995	63.3	71.7	35.8	3
Year: 2004	31.4	37.1	61.2	5



Indicator: *Rate of court dispositions for delinquency (per 10,000 children aged 10-17)*

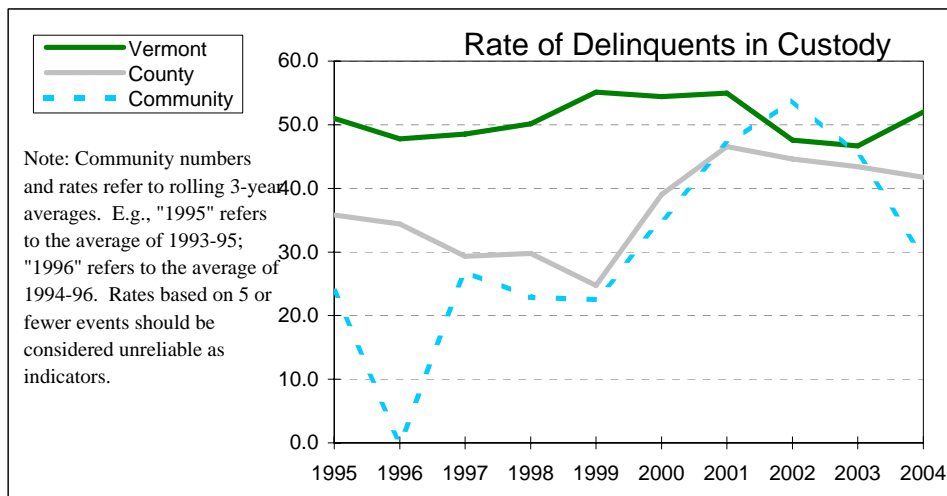
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Year: 1995	269.0	184.3	72
Year: 2004	0.0	0.0	92



OUTCOME: YOUTH CHOOSE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

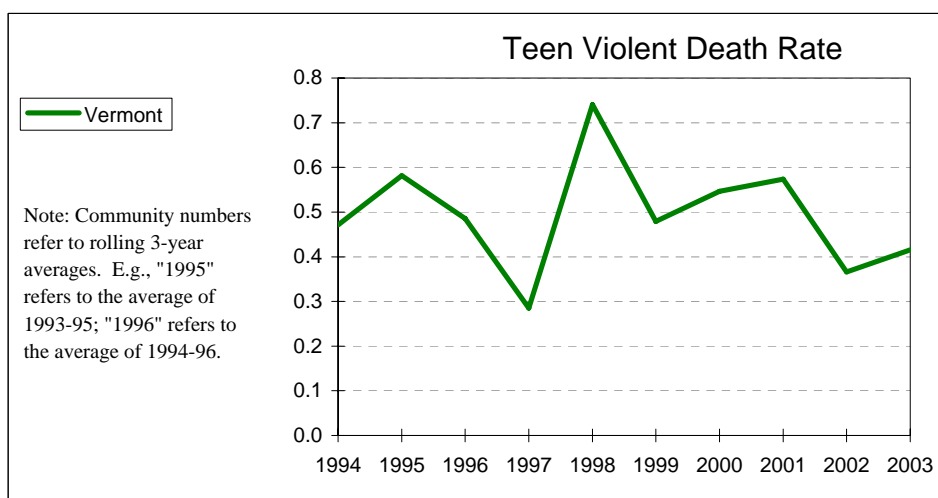
Indicator: *Custody rate for children deemed delinquent (per 10,000 children aged 10-17)*

	Vermont	County	Community	Community
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Number
Year: 1995	51.0	35.8	23.8	2
Year: 2004	52.0	41.7	29.3	4



Indicator: *Teen violent death rate (deaths from injuries, suicides, & homicides)*

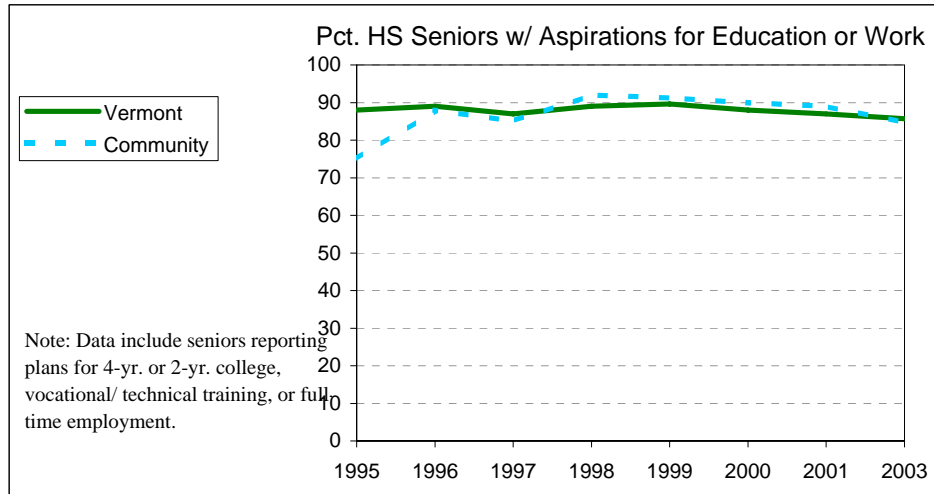
	Vermont	County	Community
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Year: 2003	0.4	0	0



OUTCOME: YOUTH SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD

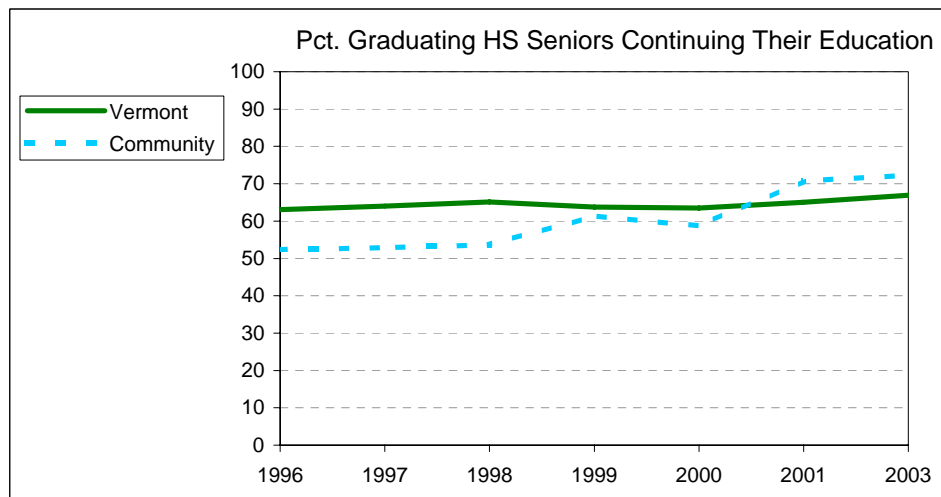
Indicator: *Percent of high school seniors with aspirations for education, vocational training, or employment*

	Vermont	Community
	Rate	Rate
Year: 1995	88	75
Year: 2003	86	85



Indicator: *Percent of graduating high school seniors who continue their education within 6 months*

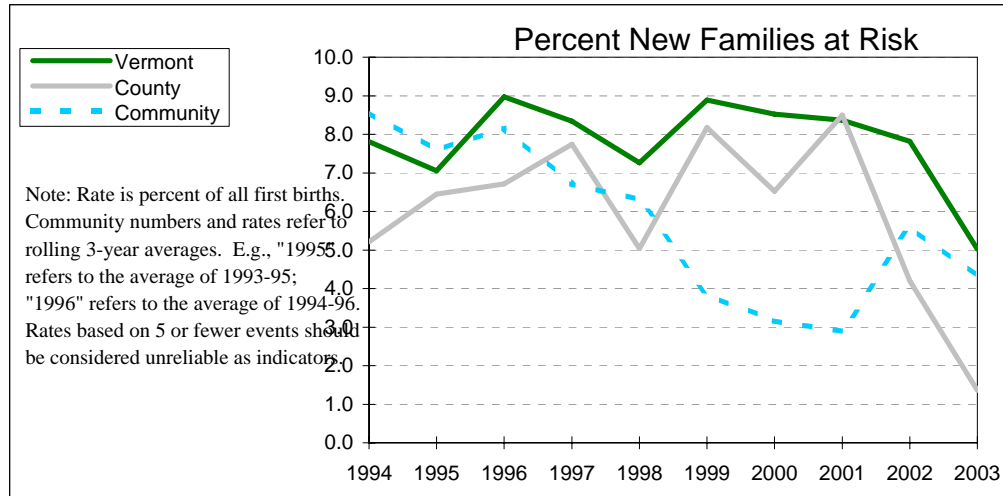
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Year: 1996	63	52
Year: 2003	67	72



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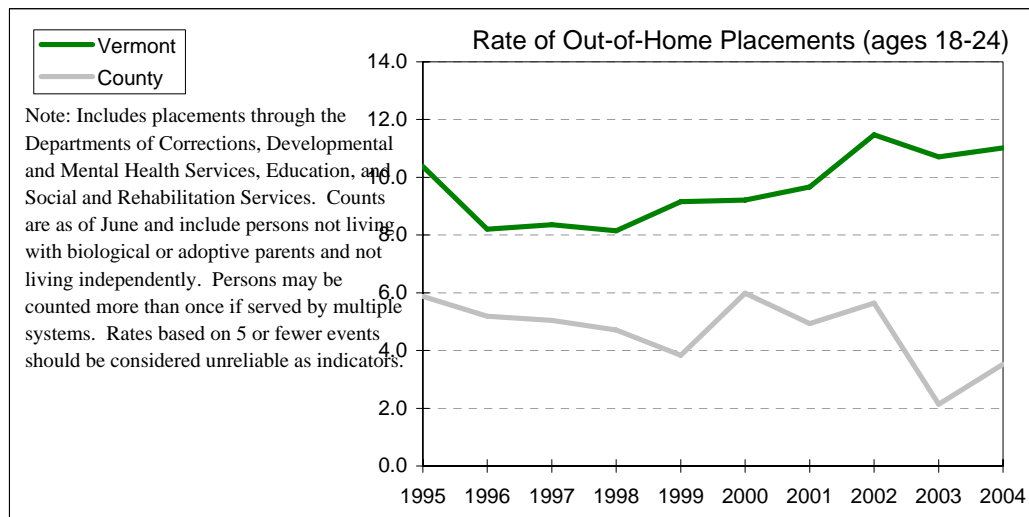
Indicator: *New Families at Risk (first births to unmarried women younger than 20 with less than 12 years education)*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Community</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 1994	7.8	5.2	8.6	4
Year: 2003	5.0	1.4	4.3	2



Indicator: *Out-of-home placements, ages 18-24 yrs. (rate is per 1,000 population)*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>County</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 1995	10.4	5.9	24
Year: 2004	11.0	3.5	18

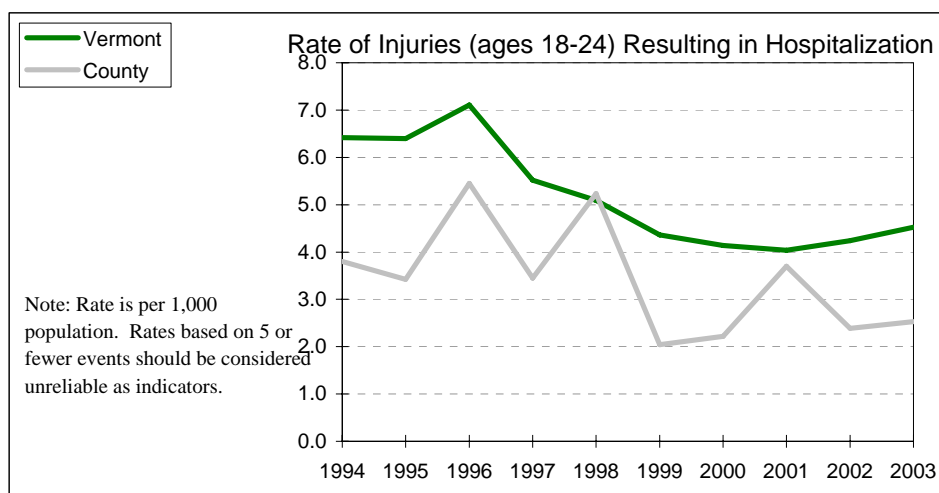


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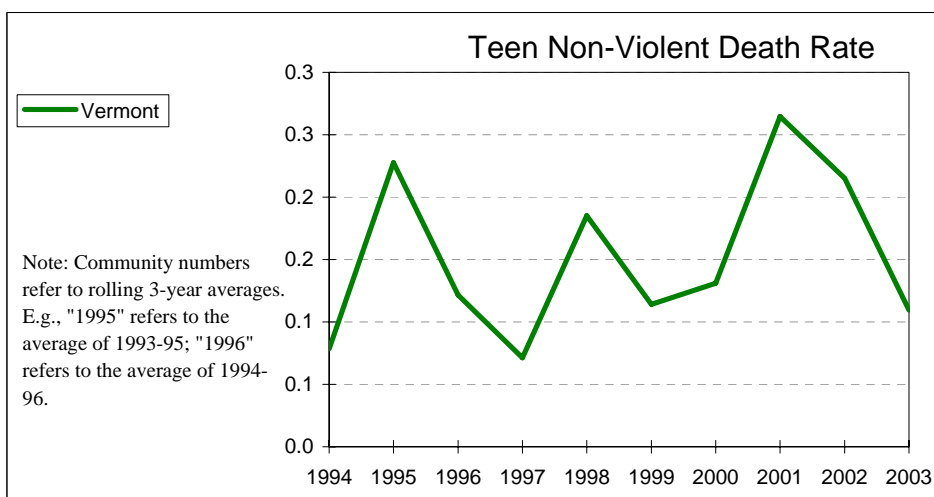
Indicator: *Rate of injuries (ages 18-24) resulting in hospitalization*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1994	6.4	3.8	16
Year: 2003	4.5	2.5	13



Indicator: *Teen non-violent deaths (ages 15-19; rate is per 1,000 population)*

	Vermont Rate	County Number	Community Number
Year: 1994	0.1	0	0
Year: 2003	0.1	0	0

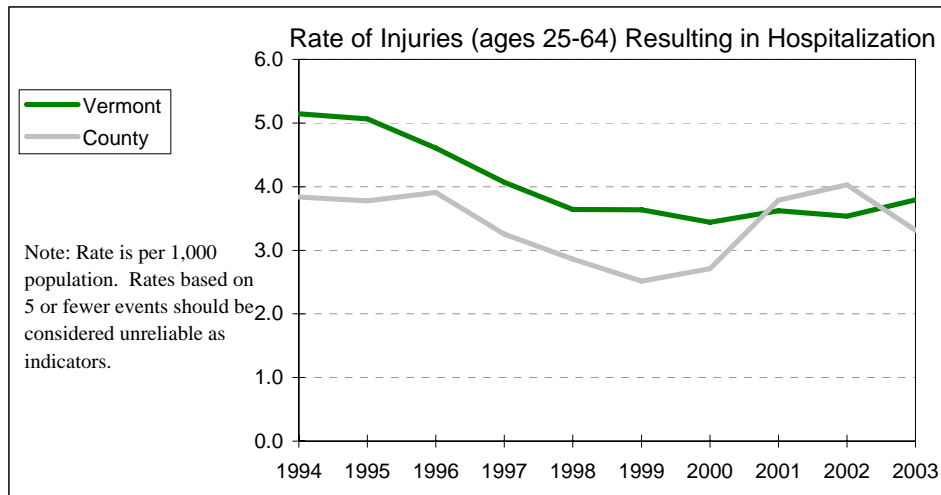


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OUTCOME: ADULTS LEAD HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES

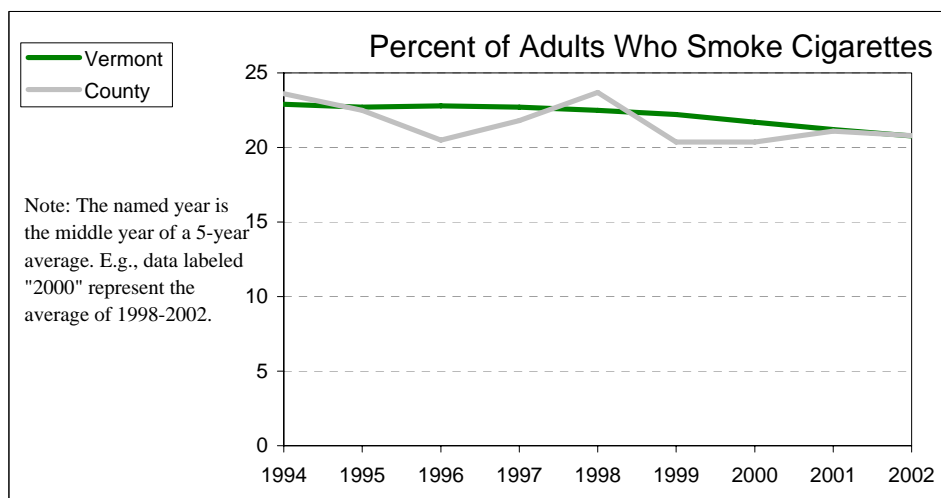
Indicator: *Rate of injuries (ages 25-64) resulting in hospitalization*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1994	5.1	3.8	70
Year: 2003	3.8	3.3	63



Indicator: *Percent of adults who smoke cigarettes*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate
Year: 1994	22.9	23.6
Year: 2002	0.0	0.0

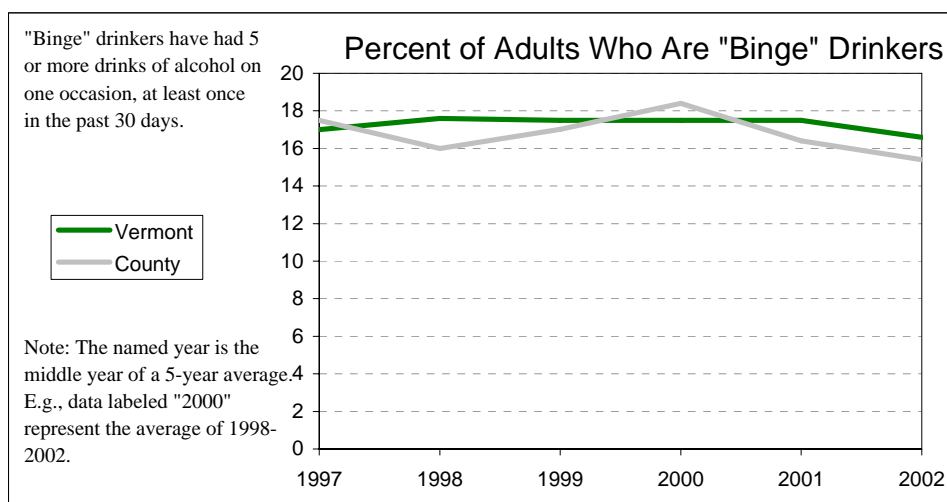


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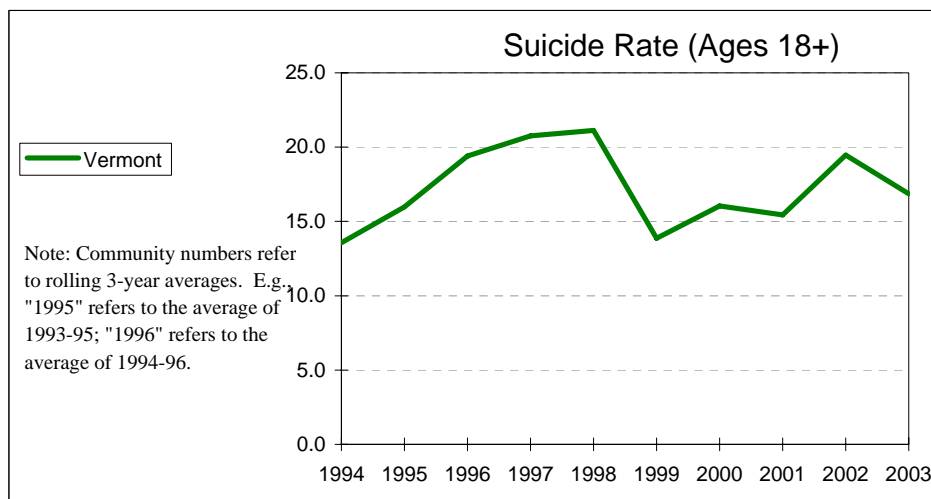
Indicator: *Percent of adults who are "binge" drinkers*

	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Rate</i>
Year: 1997	17.0	17.5
Year: 2002	16.6	15.4



Indicator: *Suicide, ages 18+ (rate is per 100,000 population)*

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Year: 1994	13.6	1	0
Year: 2003	16.9	6	0

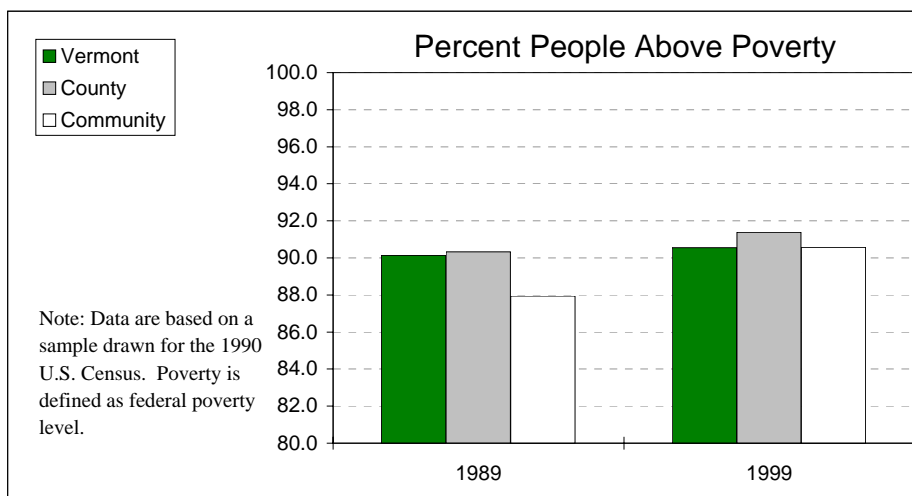


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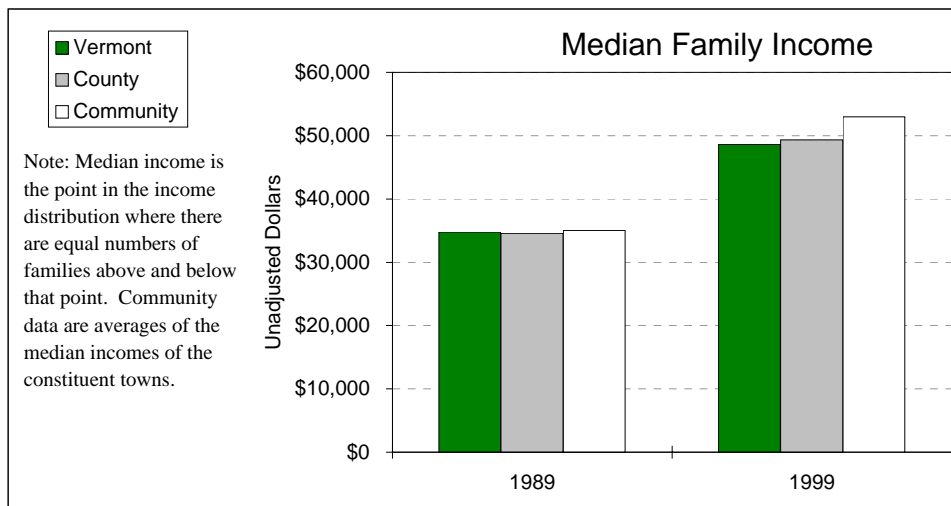
Indicator: *Percent people above poverty level*

	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Rate</i>	<i>Community Rate</i>	<i>Community Number</i>
Year: 1989	90.1	90.3	87.9	6,013
Year: 1999	90.6	91.4	90.6	7,124



Indicator: *Median family income*

	<i>Vermont Number</i>	<i>County Number</i>	<i>Community Number</i>
Year: 1989	\$34,780	\$34,561	\$35,044
Year: 1999	\$48,625	\$49,351	\$52,955

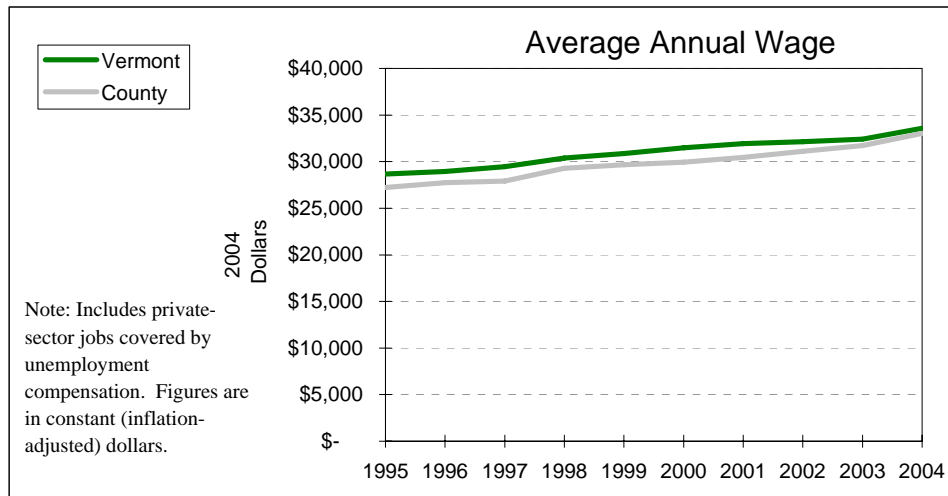


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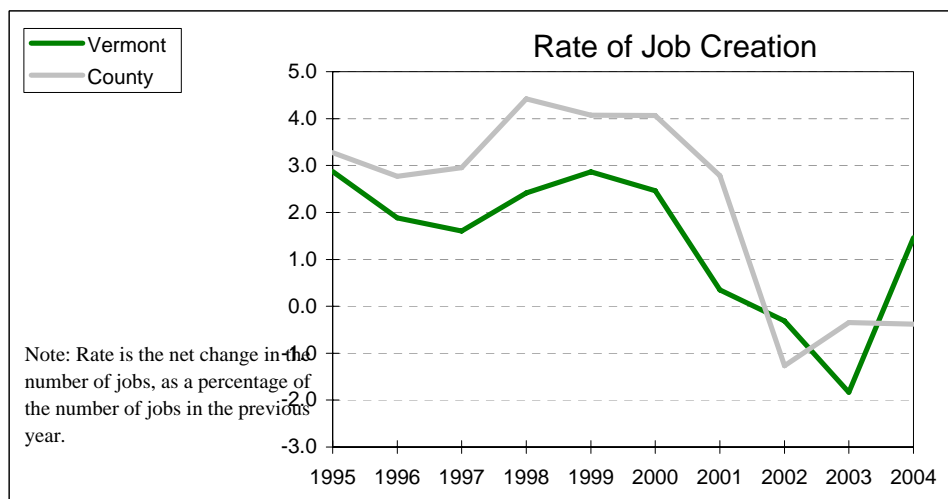
Indicator: *Average annual wage*

	Vermont Number	County Number
Year: 1995	\$28,659	\$27,221
Year: 2004	\$33,595	\$33,032



Indicator: *Rate of job creation (annual percent change in private-sector employment)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1995	2.9	3.3	311
Year: 2004	1.5	-0.4	-45

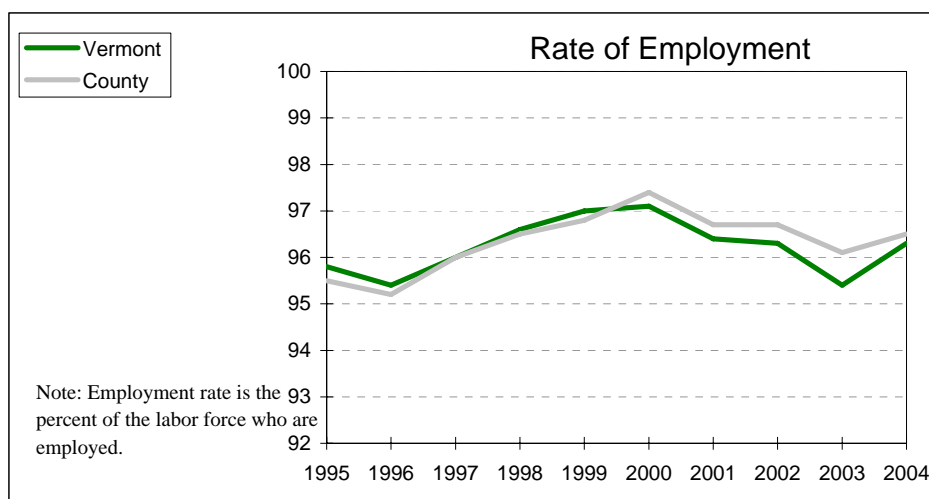


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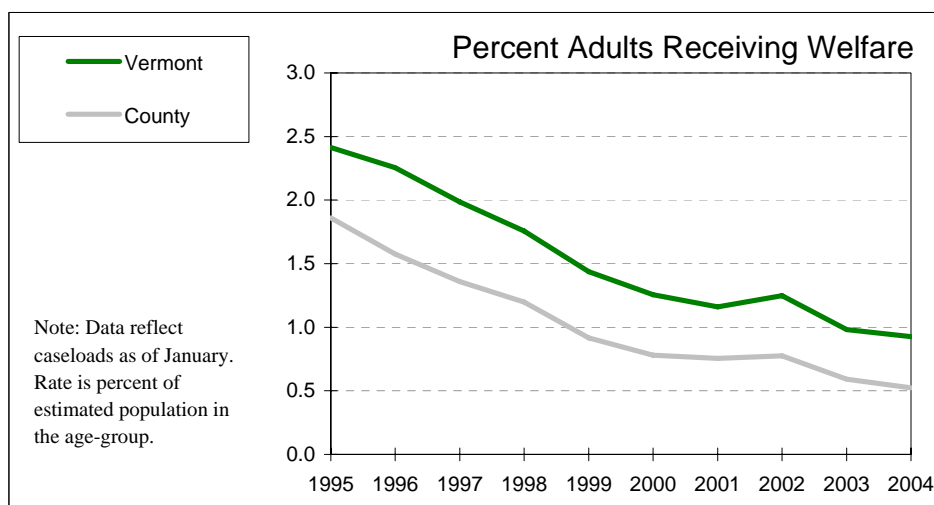
Indicator: *Rate of employment*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate
Year: 1995	95.8	95.5
Year: 2004	96.3	96.5



Indicator: *Percent of adults (ages 18+) receiving welfare (Reach Up)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1995	2.4	1.9	2.0	111
Year: 2004	0.9	0.5	0.6	39

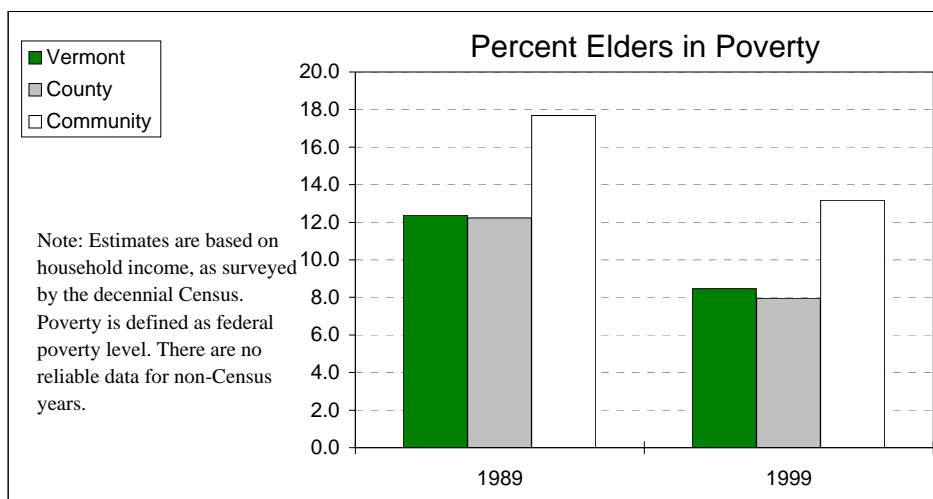


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OUTCOME: ELDERS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN SETTINGS THEY PREFER

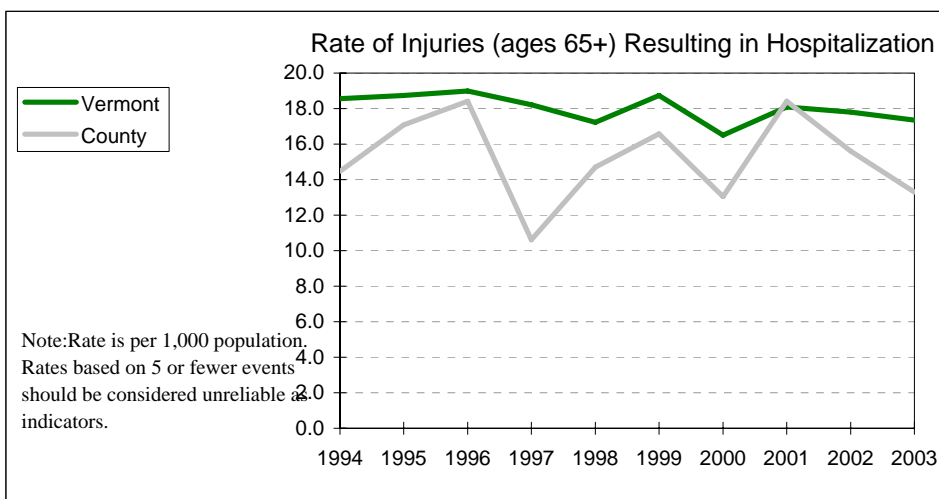
Indicator: *Percent of population aged 65+ in poverty*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Community</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 1989	12.4	12.2	17.7	128
Year: 1999	8.5	8.0	13.2	112



Indicator: *Rate of injuries (ages 65+) resulting in hospitalization*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>County</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 1994	18.6	14.5	52
Year: 2003	17.3	13.3	56

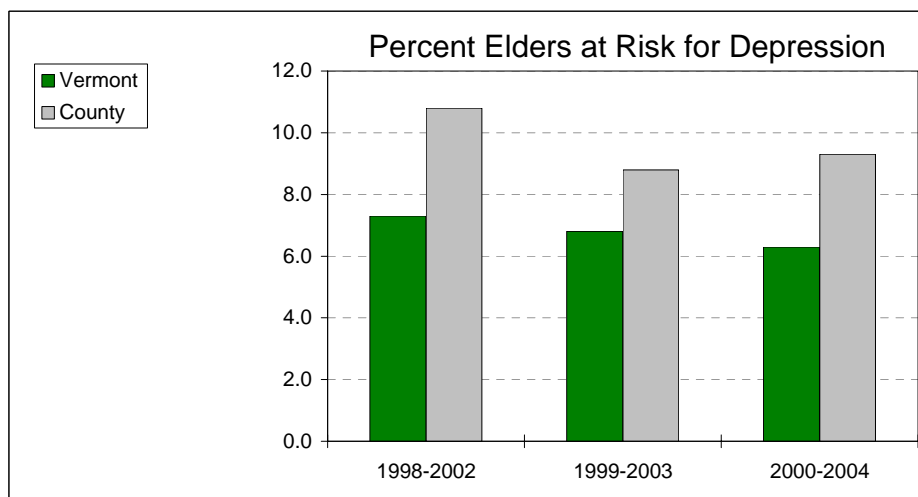


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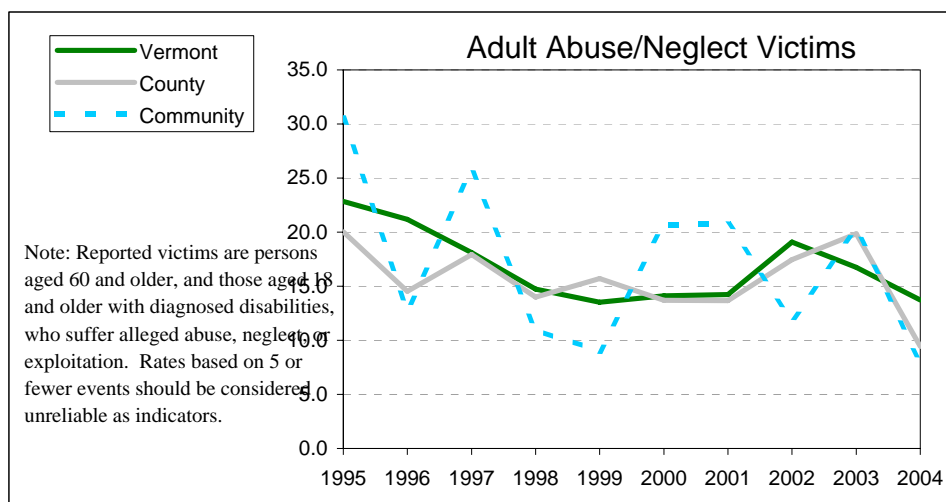
Indicator: *Percent of elders at risk for depression*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate
Year: 1998-2002	7.3	10.8
Year: 2000-2004	6.3	9.3



Indicator: *Rate of adult abuse/neglect (victims per 10,000 people aged 18+)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1995	22.8	20.0	30.6	17
Year: 2004	13.7	9.4	8.1	5

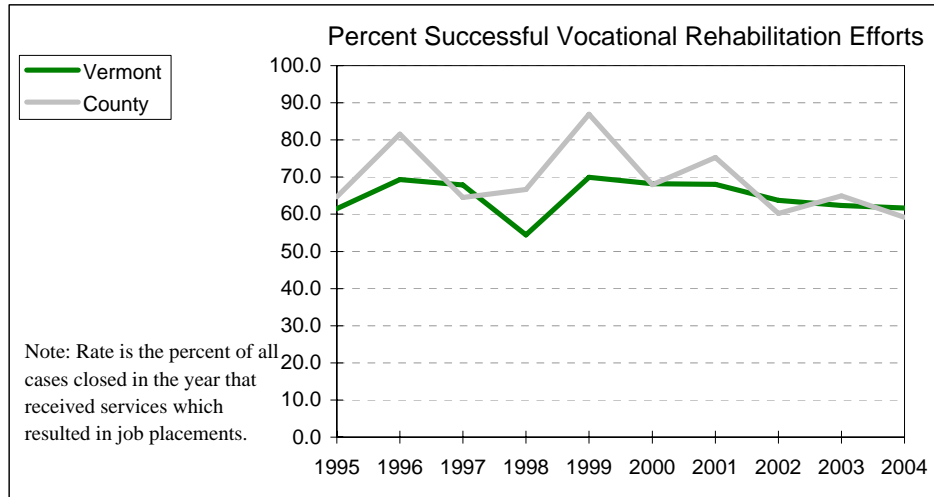


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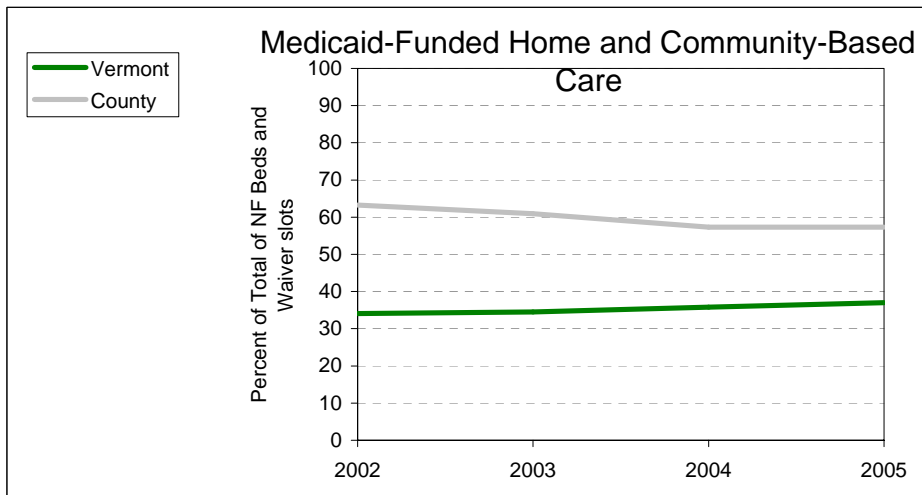
Indicator: *Percent successful job placements among consumers of Vocational Rehabilitation services*

	<i>Vermont Rate</i>	<i>County Rate</i>	<i>County Number</i>
Year: 1995	61.5	64.7	22
Year: 2004	61.7	59.1	55



Indicator: *Balance of institutional and home & community-based ("waiver") options for long-term care*

	<i>Vermont Percent NF Beds</i>	<i>Vermont Pct. Waiver Slots</i>	<i>County Percent NF Beds</i>	<i>County Percent Waiver Slots</i>
Year: 2002	66	34	37	63
Year: 2005	63	37	43	57

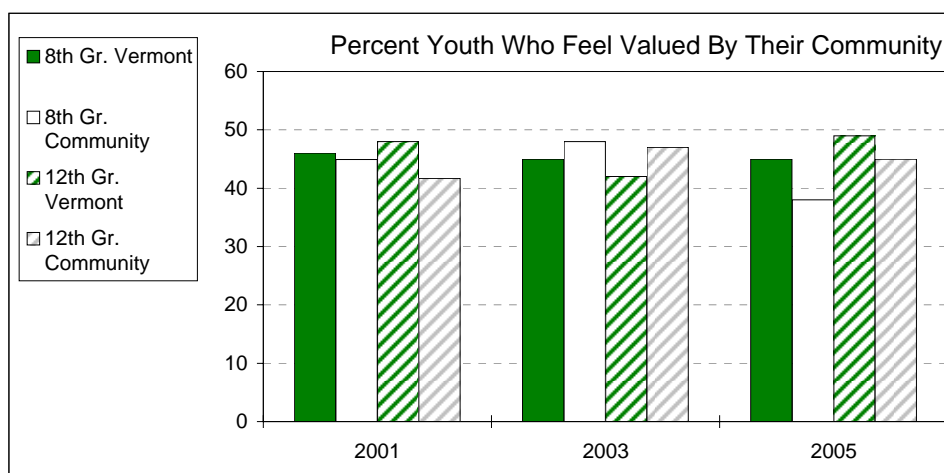


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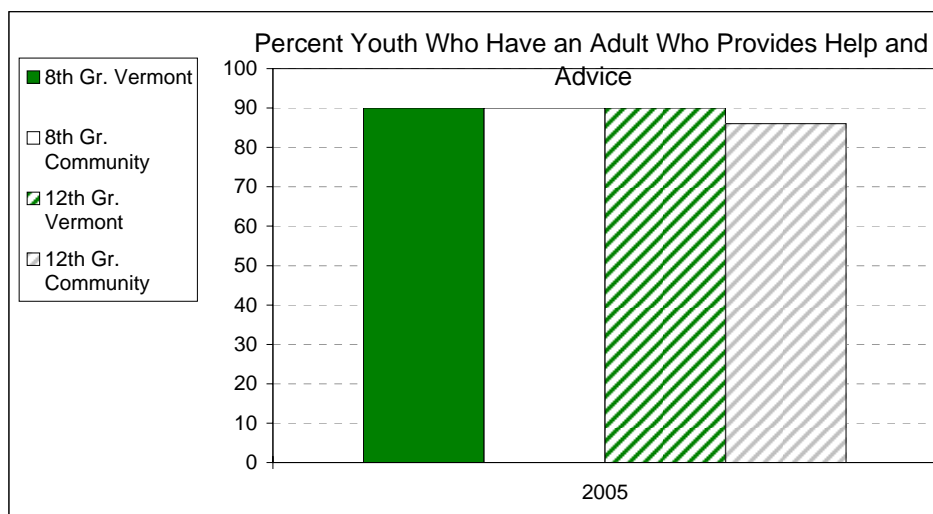
Indicator: *Percent of youth who report they are valued by their community*

		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 2001	8th Gr.	46	45
	12th Gr.	48	42
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	45	38
	12th Gr.	49	45



Indicator: *Percent of youth who report they have one or more adults to whom they can usually turn for help and advice.*

		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>Community</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 2005	8th Gr.	90	90
	12th Gr.	90	86

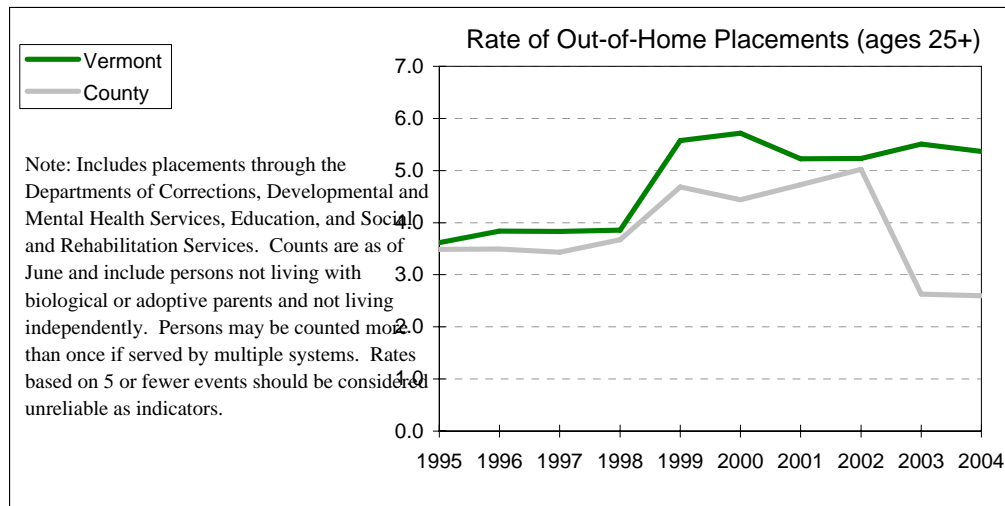


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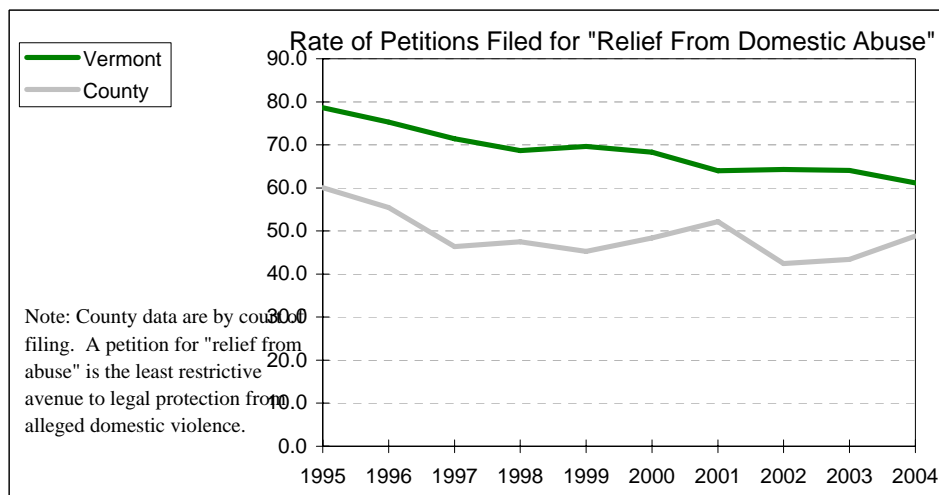
Indicator: *Out-of-home placements, ages 25+ yrs. (rate is per 1,000 population)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1995	3.6	3.5	78
Year: 2004	5.4	2.6	61



Indicator: *Court petitions filed for Relief From Domestic Abuse (rate is per 10,000 population)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	County Number
Year: 1995	78.6	60.0	108
Year: 2004	61.2	48.8	180

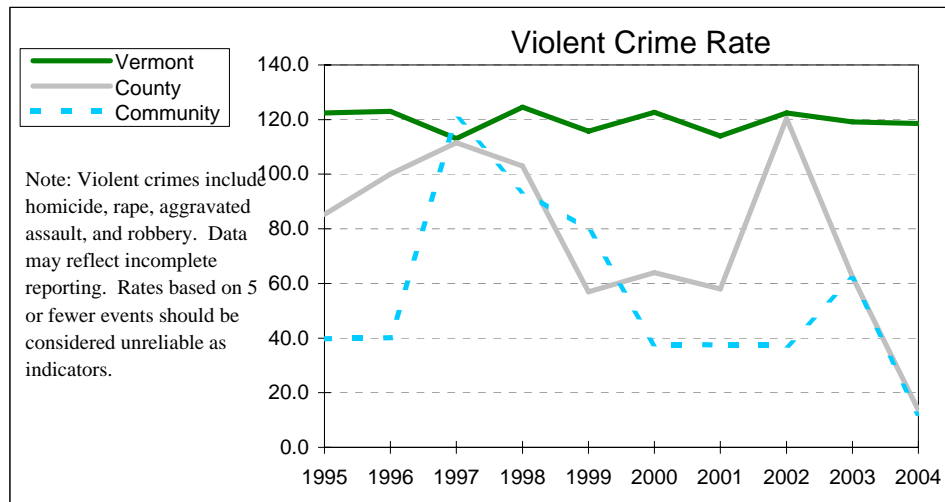


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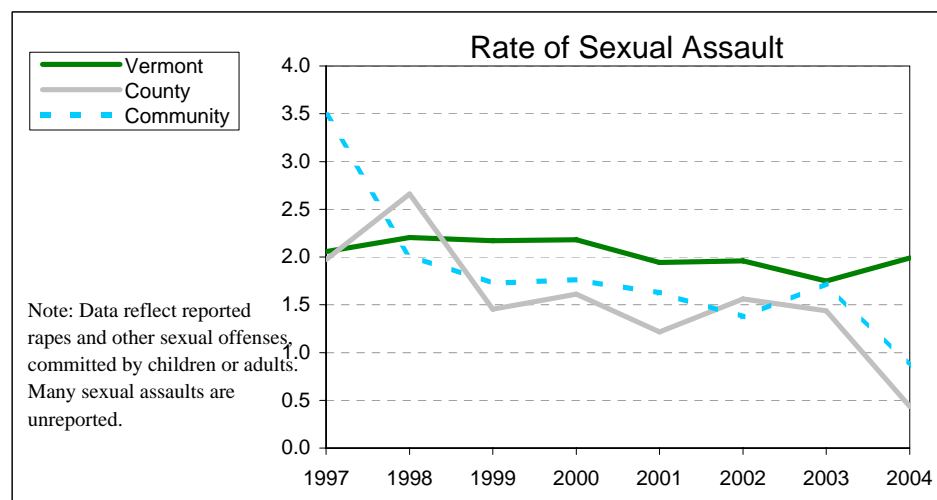
Indicator: *Violent crime (rate is per 100,000 population)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1995	122.4	85.3	39.7	3
Year: 2004	118.6	13.6	12.3	1



Indicator: *Sexual assault (rate is per 1,000 population)*

	Vermont Rate	County Rate	Community Rate	Community Number
Year: 1997	2.1	2.0	3.5	26
Year: 2004	2.0	0.4	0.9	7

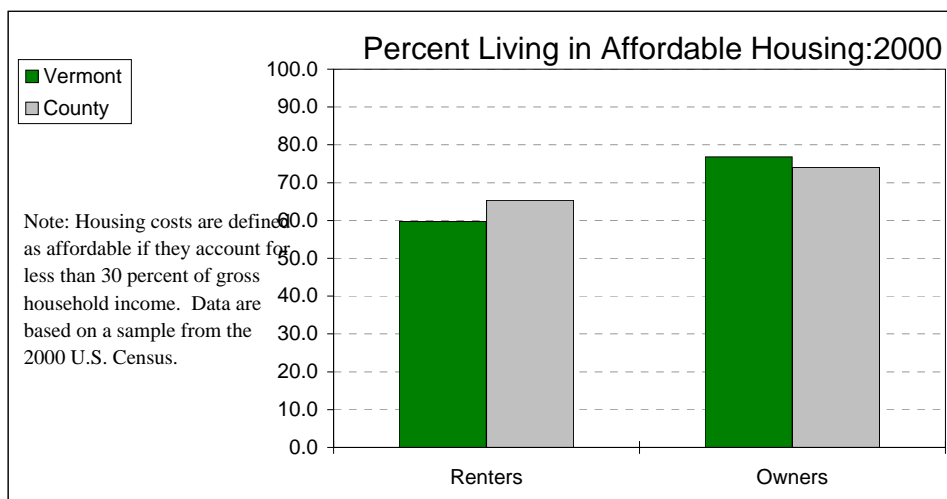


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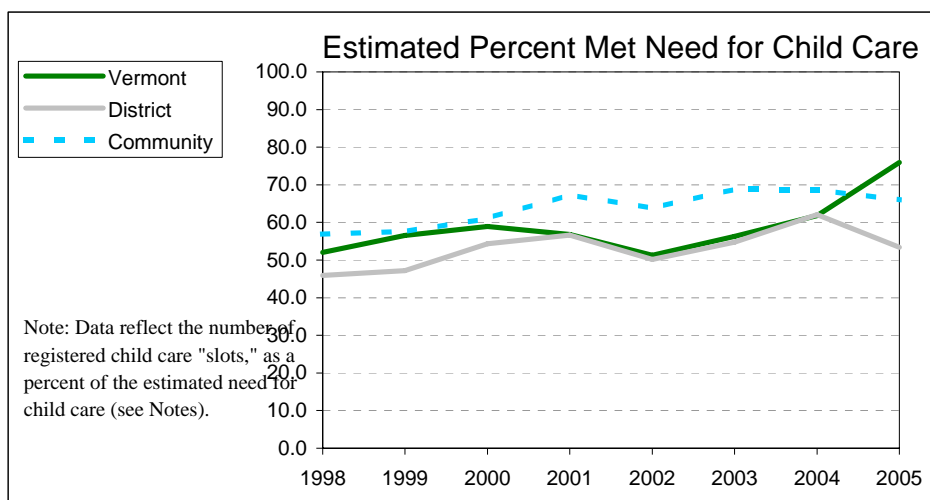
Indicator: *Percent living in affordable housing*

		<i>Vermont</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>County</i>
		<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Number</i>
Year: 2000	Renters	59.7	65.3	1,713
	Owners	76.8	74.1	3,954



Indicator: *Estimated percent met need for child care*

	<i>Vermont</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Community</i>
	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Year: 1998	52.0	45.9	56.9
Year: 2005	75.9	53.4	65.9



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(Includes the towns of Addison, Ferrisburg, Pantton, Vergennes, Waltham)

County: Addison; AHS District: Middlebury

Indicator	Numerator	Population Denominator	Per person rate	Lower limit, 95% confidence range	Upper limit, 95% confidence range
Parents talk regularly with students about school	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	78	79			
Community, 2005	66	64			
Youth involved in school decision-making	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	44	48			
Community, 2005	43	56			
Voting in general elections					
State, 2004	314,300	484,956	0.64810		
County, 2004	18,697	28,615	0.65340		
Community, 2004	4,143	6,198	0.66844		
Early prenatal care					
State, 2003	5,697	6,290	0.90572	0.89850	0.91294
County, 2003	320	355	0.90141	0.87040	0.93242
Community*, 2003	83	91	0.91575	0.71512	1.11638
Low birthweight					
State, 2003	463	6,581	0.07035	0.06418	0.07653
County, 2003	24	374	0.06417	0.03797	0.09037
Community*, 2003	6	93	0.06429	0.01180	0.11677
"New baby" visits					
State 'WB', 2004	3,440	6,596	0.52153		
District 'WB', 2004	2,156	6,596	0.32686		
State 'HB', 2004	97	356	0.27247		
District 'HB', 2004	91	356	0.25562		
Infant mortality					
State, 2003	33	6,589	0.00501	0.00326	0.00675
County, 2003	2				
Community*, 2003	0				
Children 0-4 on welfare					
State, 2004	3,101	33,384	0.09289		
County, 2004	117	1,875	0.06240		
Community, 2004	27	458	0.05895		
Injuries (ages 0-9)					
State, 2003	91	68,925	0.00132	0.00104	0.00160
County, 2003	6	4,089	0.00147	0.00027	0.00000
Overweight among WIC-enrolled children	Percent				
State, 2004	30.1				
County, 2004	24.4				

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Child mortality					
State, 2003	17	105,256	0.00016	0.00008	0.00024
County, 2003	2				
Community*, 2003	0				
Kindergarten immunizations					
State, 2005	86	91	0.94505	0.74124	1.14887
Community, 2005	86	91	0.94505	0.74124	1.14887
First Grade Screenings	Screened-- Vision	Screened-- Hearing	Enrollment		
State, 2005	6,008	6,007	6,451		
Community, 2005	108	108	78		
"Ready Kindergartners"	Approaches to Learning (Percent)	Cognitive Development & General Knowledge (Percent)	Communication (Percent)	Social-Emotional Development (Percent)	Health and Well-Being (Percent)
State, 2005	61	50	79	59	82
Community, 2005	74	69	92	74	82
"Ready Schools"	Transitions (Percent)	Instr. & Staff Dev. (Percent)	Resources (Percent)	Partnership (Percent)	
State, 2005	90	63	96	74	
Community, 2005	90	80	99	67	
School attendance	Percent				
State, 2004	95.3				
Community, 2004	95.5				
Developmental Reading Assessment					
State, 2005	5,329	6,420	0.83		
Community, 2005	64	76	0.84		
English/Lang. Arts New Standards Performance	# Meeting standard		# Test-takers		
	4th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade	
State, 2004			6,640	7,583	
<i>Reading I</i>	5,378	5,156			
<i>Reading II</i>	4,648	3,109			
<i>Writing</i>	4,781	5,536			
<i>Conventions</i>	4,183	4,171			
Community, 2004			98	106	
<i>Reading I</i>	83	68			
<i>Reading II</i>	67	32			
<i>Writing</i>	68	71			
<i>Conventions</i>	61	60			

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Math New Standards Performance	# Meeting standard		# Test-takers		
	4th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade	
State, 2004			6,701	7,543	
<i>Concepts</i>	3,485	3,319			
<i>Skills</i>	4,892	5,506			
<i>Problem-Solving</i>	3,485	3,149			
Community, 2004			99	103	
<i>Concepts</i>	52	37			
<i>Skills</i>	76	75			
<i>Problem-Solving</i>	50	42			
Special education					
State, 2004	12,665	96,589	0.13112		
Community, 2004	174	1,308	0.13303		
High school completion					
State, 2005	6,279	7,173	0.88		
Community, 2005	102	112	0.91		
Children in poverty					
State, 1999	15,442	143,964	0.10726		
County, 1999	784	8,571	0.09147		
Community, 1999	113	1,950	0.05795		
Children in families receiving Food Stamps					
State, 2004	16,537	136,438	0.12121		
County, 2004	679	8,250	0.08230		
Community, 2004	161	1,926	0.08359		
Child support paid					
State, 2004	54,285,019	60,750,875	0.89357		
County, 2004	2,400,690	2,723,896	0.88134		
Parentage established					
State, 2004	12,676	16,447	0.77072		
County, 2004	519	640	0.81094		
Child abuse & neglect					
State, 2004	1,047	136,438	0.00767	0.00721	0.00814
County, 2004	52	8,250	0.00630	0.00455	0.00805
Community*, 2004	11	2,021	0.00675	0.00301	0.01049
Children 5-17 on welfare					
State, 2004	4,873	103,054	0.04729		
County, 2004	180	6,375	0.02824		
Community, 2004	53	1,468	0.03610		

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Out-of-home placements (under age 18)					
State, 2004	1,102	136,438	0.00808	0.00760	0.00855
County, 2004	48	8,250	0.00582	0.00414	0.00750
Average moves within substitute care	# of moves	# of children	Average # moves per child		
State, 2004	5,237	1,012	5.2		
County, 2004	104	41	2.5		
Community, 2004	28	11	2.5		
Participation in youth programs	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	32	31			
Community, 2005	25	24			
Students volunteering	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	46	51			
Community, 2005	43	47			
Students smoking cigarettes	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	8	23			
Community, 2005	18	28			
Students using alcohol	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	19	22			
Community, 2005	50	46			
Students using marijuana	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	8	30			
Community, 2005	11	30			
Teen sexually transmitted diseases					
State, 2004	441	45,643	0.00966	0.00876	0.01056
County, 2004	17	3,389	0.00502	0.00258	0.00745

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Young teen pregnancy					
State, 2003	183	13,208	0.01386	0.01186	0.01585
County, 2003	2	785	0.00255	-0.00106	0.00615
Community*, 2003	3	199	0.01342	-0.00302	0.02986
Injuries (ages 10-17)					
State, 2003	195	70,040	0.00278	0.00239	0.00317
County, 2003	15	4,378	0.00343	0.00166	0.00520
"Unmanageables" in custody					
State, 2004	216	68,839	0.00314	0.00272	0.00356
County, 2004	16	4,313	0.00371	0.00185	0.00556
Community*, 2004	5	1,022	0.00612	0.00112	0.01112
Delinquency, court dispositions					
State, 2004	1,399	68,839	0.02032	0.01927	0.02138
County, 2004	92	4,313	0.02133	0.01688	0.02578
Delinquents in custody					
State, 2004	358	68,839	0.00520	0.00466	0.00574
County, 2004	18	4,313	0.00417	0.00221	0.00614
Community*, 2004	4	1,022	0.00293	-0.00045	0.00632
Teen violent deaths					
State, 2003	19	45,707	0.00042	0.00022	0.00061
County, 2003	0				
Community*, 2003	0				
High school seniors aspiring to further education, training, or employment	Percent				
State, 2003	85.7				
Community, 2003	84.7				
High school graduates continuing education	Percent				
State, 2003	66.9				
Community, 2003	72.3				
"New Families at Risk"					
State, 2003	145	2,887	0.05023	0.04226	0.05819
County, 2003	2	147	0.01361	-0.00564	0.03285
Community*, 2003	2	39	0.04310	-0.02367	0.10988
Out-of-home placements (ages 18-24)					
State, 2004	684	62,080	0.01102	0.01020	0.01184
County, 2004	18	5,105	0.00353	0.00186	0.00519
Injuries (ages 18-24)					
State, 2003	289	63,904	0.00452	0.00400	0.00504
County, 2003	13	5,140	0.00253	0.00113	0.00393

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Teen non-violent deaths					
State, 2003	5	45,707	0.00011	0.00001	0.00021
County, 2003	0				
Community*, 2003	0				
Injuries (ages 25-64)					
State, 2003	1,275	336,115	0.00379	0.00359	0.00400
County, 2003	63	19,018	0.00331	0.00248	0.00415
Adult smokers	Percent				
State, 2000-2004	20.8		0.208	0.201	0.214
County, 2000-2004	20.8		0.208	0.181	0.236
Adult "binge drinkers"	Percent				
State, 2000-2004	16.6		0.166	0.158	0.174
County, 2000-2004	15.4		0.154	0.124	0.191
Suicide (ages 18+)					
State, 2003	81	480,151	0.00017	0.00013	0.00021
County, 2003	6				
Community*, 2003	0				
People above poverty					
State, 1999	532,547	588,053	0.90561		
County, 1999	30,632	33,523	0.91376		
Community, 1999	7,124	7,865	0.90579		
Median family income					
State, 1999	\$48,625				
County, 1999	\$49,351				
Community, 1999	\$52,955				
Average annual wage					
State, 2004	\$33,595				
County, 2004	\$33,032				
Job creation					
State, 2004	3,563				
County, 2004	-45				
Employment	Percent				
State, 2004	96.3				
County, 2004	96.5				
Adults (ages 18+) on welfare					
State, 2004	4,489	484,956	0.00926		
County, 2004	150	28,615	0.00524		
Community, 2004	39	6,198	0.00629		
Elders in poverty					
State, 1999	6,217	73,355	0.08475		
County, 1999	313	3,936	0.07952		
Community, 1999	112	851	0.13161		

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Injuries (ages 65+)					
State, 2003	1,390	80,132	0.01735	0.01644	0.01825
County, 2003	56	4,210	0.01330	0.00975	0.01686
Elders at risk for depression	Percent				
State, 2000-2004	6.3		0.063	0.055	0.071
County, 2000-2004	9.3		0.093	0.060	0.141
Adult abuse & neglect victims					
State, 2004	666	484,956	0.00137	0.00127	0.00148
County, 2004	27	28,615	0.00094	0.00058	0.00058
Community, 2004	5	6,198	0.00081	0.00009	0.00153
Vocational Rehab. job placements					
State, 2004	1,360	2,206	0.61650		
County, 2004	55	93	0.59140		
Long-term care options	Nursing Facility Beds	Percent	Waiver Slots	Percent	
State, 2005	2,120	63	1,266	37	
County, 2005	67	43	90	57	
Youth valued by their community	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	45	49			
Community, 2005	38	45			
Youth who have an adult for help and advice	Percent 8th Graders	Percent 12th Graders			
State, 2005	90	90			
Community, 2005	90	86			
Out-of-home placements (ages 25+)					
State, 2004	2,270	422,876	0.00537	0.00515	0.00559
County, 2004	61	23,510	0.00259	0.00193	0.00326
Petitions for Relief from Abuse					
State, 2004	3,801	621,394	0.00612	0.00592	0.00631
County, 2004	180	36,865	0.00488	0.00417	0.00559
Violent crime					
State, 2004	737	621,394	0.00119	0.00110	0.00127
County, 2004	5	36,865	0.00014	0.00001	0.00001
Community, 2004	1	8,124	0.00012	-0.00012	0.00037
Sexual assault					
State, 2004	1,236	621,394	0.00199	0.00188	0.00210
County, 2004	16	36,865	0.00043	0.00022	0.00022
Community, 2004	7	8,124	0.00086	0.00021	0.00151

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Affordable housing					
State, 2000 Renters	37,413	62,621	0.59745		
Owners	81,058	105,551	0.76795		
County, 2000 Renters	1,713	2,622	0.65332		
Owners	3,954	5,339	0.74059		
Met need for child care					
State, 2005	34,609	45,592	0.75910		
District, 2005	1,605	3,007	0.53378		
Community, 2005	470	713	0.65947		

Indicator Sources and Explanatory Notes:

Estimated community population by age-group: These are estimates, not exact counts, prepared from Census Bureau estimates, together with estimation models based on regression techniques. Source: Vermont Department of Health.

Percent of students whose parents talk with them regularly about school: Youth who report that their parents talk with them at least once a week about school. Data are limited to students who participated in the survey, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Percent youth who participate in school decision-making: Surveyed youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with the statement, “Students help decide what goes on in my school.” Not all schools participated in the survey. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

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Percent of eligible population voting in general elections: Eligible population is considered to be residents aged 18 and older. Sources: Vermont Office of the Secretary of State; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Percent early prenatal care: Those women giving birth who report receiving prenatal care beginning in the first three months of pregnancy, as a percent of all women giving birth who report on this information. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Percent low birthweight: Babies with birthweights under 5.5 pounds, as a percent of all babies with reported birthweights. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Percent of births where families receive a new baby visits: A home-visit is offered to nearly every new family; some families decline, or choose to receive information through some other route. Numerator is the estimated number of families with new babies, in the Agency of Human Services District, who received face-to-face information on community supports and services; denominator is the number of births recorded for residents of the Agency of Human Services District. Visits include those offered through the Healthy Babies program (during the calendar year named), and through regional Success By Six initiatives (“Welcome Baby” visits) (during the state fiscal year beginning July 1 of the named year). Some families may inadvertently be counted more than once. Sources: Vermont Department of Health; Vermont Agency of Human Services, Planning Division.

Infant mortality: Infants who die before 1 year of age; rate is per 1000 births. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Percent of people receiving welfare (Reach Up): Caseloads as of January, as a percent of the estimated population in each age-group. Sources: Vermont Department for Children & Families; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Rate of injuries resulting in hospitalization: Hospital discharges with “injury” as the principal diagnosis. Rate is per 1000 population. Does not include injuries treated in emergency rooms or other outpatient settings. Sources: Vermont Hospital Discharge Datasets; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Percent of WIC-enrolled children overweight or at risk: Percent of children ages 2-4 enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (“WIC”) whose weight-and-height put them in the “overweight” category (95th or higher percentile of Body Mass Index), or “at risk for overweight” category (between the 85th and 95th percentiles). In Vermont, approximately 40 percent of children in this age group are enrolled in WIC. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance data.

Child mortality: Deaths of children aged 1 through 14 years. Rate is per 1000 population. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Immunizations at kindergarten entry: Estimated percent of all entering kindergartners who present evidence of having met the required immunization schedule (DTP 3, Polio 3, MMR 2). Beginning with the 1999-00 school year, two doses of measles vaccine are required; mumps and pertussis vaccines are not required. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Immunization Program.

First-grade screening for vision and hearing problems: First-graders reported screened by Vermont public schools, as a percent of reported enrollment. State law requires schools to assure that vision and hearing screening has taken place in grades 1-3, 5, 7, and 9, and vision screening in grade 10. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Education, Health Services Screening Report.

Kindergartners ready for school: Children were rated by kindergarten teachers 4-6 weeks into the school year on four dimensions of readiness for school. Each dimension was measured by multiple items; percent of children counted for this indicator were those rated as “practicing” or “performing independently” on each item within the dimensions. Not all kindergarten teachers in all school districts participated in the survey; thus, the state figures are aggregate data only, and are not necessarily representative of the state as a whole. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Agency of Human Services and Vermont Department of Education, “Ready Kindergartners” Questionnaire.

“Ready Schools”: Principals of schools with kindergartens provided information about school resources and practices related to kindergarten children and their families. In addition, kindergarten teachers provided information about their professional preparation and their access to a number of support services. These responses were grouped into four dimensions of “ready schools.” Members of the Vermont Early Childhood Workgroup developed standards for each dimension, based on weights assigned to specific item-responses. Data as reported show schools’ responses as a percent of the standard on each dimension. Not all kindergarten teachers and principals in all school districts participated in the survey; thus, the state figures are aggregate data only, and are not necessarily representative of the state as a whole. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Agency of Human Services and Vermont Department of Education, “Ready Schools” Teacher and Principal Questionnaires.

School attendance rate: Percent of school days attended, averaged across all students in all schools within the supervisory union. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

Percent of 2nd graders meeting standard on Developmental Reading Assessment: Students meeting or exceeding the criterion for reading success by Spring of second grade. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

English/Language Arts New Standards performance: The New Standards Reference Exams are nationally-recognized tests that measure student performance against standards adopted by the Vermont Board of Education. Students' performance, relative to the standard, is scored, in each subject area, as "little evidence of achievement," "below the standard," "nearly achieved the standard," "achieved the standard," or "achieved the standard with honors." Performance reported on here is the percentage of test-taking students who "achieved the standard" or "achieved the standard with honors." School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

Math New Standards performance: The New Standards Reference Exams are nationally-recognized tests that measure student performance against standards adopted by the Vermont Board of Education. Students' performance, relative to the standard, is scored, in each subject area, as "little evidence of achievement," "below the standard," "nearly achieved the standard," "achieved the standard," or "achieved the standard with honors." Performance reported on here is the percentage of test-taking students who "achieved the standard" or "achieved the standard with honors." School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

Percent students receiving special education: Students identified, as of December 1, as eligible for Individual Education Plans (IEPs) under special education statutes. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

Estimated percent high school completion: The number of graduates from a high school class (e.g., class of 2002) as a percent of (that number plus the reported dropouts from the class that year and for each of the three previous years. This methodology does not account for students who may drop out and re-enroll in either the same school or another the following year. School data refer to all enrolled students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Data are for the school year ending in the calendar year named. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

Percent children in poverty: Related children (ages 0-17) in households earning less than the federal poverty threshold (this averaged \$12,674 for a family of four in 1989, and \$17,105 in 1999). Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Tape STF3.

Percent children in families receiving Food Stamps: There is currently no reliable measure of child poverty at a sub-state level. Families eligible for Food Stamps are those with incomes 130% of federal poverty level, or less. Not all eligible families receive Food Stamps. Enrollments may be sensitive to differences in public awareness of the program. Caseload data are for January of the year named. Source: Vermont Department for Children & Families.

Percent child support paid: Annual total amount of payments received, as a percent of annual total amount payable for cases with current or arrears obligations. Source: Vermont Department for Children & Families.

Percent parentage established for out-of-wedlock child support cases: Data refer to cases where parentage has been legally established, as a percentage of current out-of-wedlock cases. Because parentage may be established at any time, percentage may exceed 100. Source: Vermont Department for Children & Families.

Child abuse and neglect: Substantiated victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect, aged 0 through 17, per 10,000 population. Because the substantiation status of abuse/neglect reports may change over time, data here are adjusted to reflect reported state totals of substantiated victims, as of March for the preceding year. Sources: Vermont Department for Children & Families; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Out-of-home placements: Counts include persons not living with biological or adoptive parents and not living independently. Includes placements made by the Departments of Corrections, Developmental and Mental Health Services, Education, and Children & Families. Residence for Education placements is determined by parents' residence, for DDMHS placements by zip code (zip codes that cross county boundaries are resolved in favor of the county with the greatest population), for Children & Families by person's town of residence, and for Corrections by court of sentencing. State data include cases for which county of residence could not be determined. Counts are as of June. Persons may be counted more than once if served by multiple systems. Rates are per 1000 population.

Sources: Vermont Department of Corrections, Vermont Department for Children & Families, Vermont Department of Education, Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Average number of moves within the child substitute care system: For cases closed within the year, not counting the initial removal from and return to home, or planned short-term visits. Because these are averages, the data are sensitive to individual cases with unusually high or low numbers of moves. Source: Vermont Department for Children & Families.

Percent students participating in youth programs: Surveyed students who reported spending 1 or more hours per week in an average week in clubs or organizations outside of school (not including sports). Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Percent youth volunteering in their community: Surveyed students who reported spending 1 or more hours per week in an average week helping other people without getting paid (such as helping out at a hospital, daycare center, food shelf, youth program, community service agency, or doing other things) to make their community a better place for people to live. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Percent students smoking cigarettes: Percent of surveyed students reporting they smoked cigarettes within the past 30 days. Not all schools participated in the survey. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Percent students using alcohol: Percent of surveyed students reporting they had one or more drinks of alcohol within the past 30 days. Not all schools participated in the survey. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Percent students using marijuana: Percent of surveyed students reporting they smoked marijuana within the past 30 days. Not all schools participated in the survey. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs; and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Teen sexually-transmitted diseases: Reported incidence of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis among 15- to 19-year olds. Rate is per 1000 population. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Epidemiology Division, and Population Estimates.

Young teen pregnancy: Includes resident births, abortions, and fetal deaths reported to the Vermont Department of Health for women aged 15 through 17 years; does not include abortions obtained out of state. Rate is per 1000 female population aged 15-17. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

“Unmanageable” children in custody: Average daily number of “Children in Need of Supervision” in VT Department for Children & Families custody. Rate is per 10,000 children ages 10 through 17 years. As of July 1, 1996, children ages 16 and 17 may not enter custody as “unmanageables.” Sources: Vermont Department for Children & Families; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Court dispositions for delinquency: Delinquency cases filed in Family Court within the fiscal year, per 10,000 children aged 10-17. Delinquency cases may be disposed of by a finding of delinquency, a dismissal or withdrawal of the petition, a dismissal following satisfactory completion of diversion, or a transfer to criminal court. Residence information allows identification by county, not supervisory union area. Source: Vermont Office of the Court Administrator; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Delinquents in custody: Average daily number of delinquent children in VT Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services custody. Rate is per 10,000 children aged 10 through 17. Source: Vermont Department of Children & Families; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Teen violent deaths: Deaths of 15- to 19-year-olds with cause reported as injuries, suicide, or homicide. Rate is per 1000 population aged 15 through 19. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Percent high school seniors with aspirations for education, vocational training or employment: Percent of reporting high school seniors indicating post-graduation plans for 4-year or 2-year college, vocational /technical training, or full-time employment. Source: Vermont Department of Education.

Percent of graduating high school seniors who continue their education within six months: Estimated proportion of the graduating class of the year named who enter post-secondary education. Source: Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, *Senior Survey*.

“New Families at Risk”: Defined as the percent of first births that are to unmarried women younger than 20, with less than 12 years education. According to national statistics, families with all 3 “risk factors” (unmarried status, teenage, little education) are 10 times more likely to live in poverty than those with none of the 3 factors. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Teen non-violent deaths: Deaths of 15- to 19-year-olds from all causes except injuries, suicide, or homicide. Rate is per 1000 population age 15 through 19. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Percent of adults who smoke cigarettes: Percent of adults (age 18+) who report they are current smokers. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System.

Percent of adults who are “binge” drinkers: Percent of adults (age 18+) who report they consumed 5 or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion, at least once in the past 30 days. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vermont Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System.

Suicide, age 18 years and older: Deaths reported as suicides. Rate is per 100,000 population over 18 years of age. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Vital Statistics System.

Percent people above poverty level: Persons with income above federal poverty level, as a percent of all persons for whom poverty level is determined. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Average median family income: Median income by town, averaged across the towns comprising the supervisory union area. The median is the income-level where half the incomes are above, and half are below, that level. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Average annual wage: Includes private-sector jobs covered by unemployment compensation (does not include self-employment). Figure covers hourly workers, salaried workers, and those paid on commission; includes part-time, full-time, and overtime wages. Source: Vermont Department of Labor.

Rate of job creation: The percent change from the previous year in the total number of private sector jobs covered by unemployment compensation (does not include self-employment). Source: Vermont Department of Labor.

Rate of employment: 100 minus the annual average unemployment rate (percent). Source: Vermont Department of Labor.

Percent of population aged 65+ in poverty: Individuals ages 65 years and older with income below the federal poverty level, as a proportion of all individuals in that age-group for whom poverty status is determined. Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Percent of population aged 65+ at risk for depression: The percent of people in this age group whose health survey responses indicate they are at risk for depression. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System.

Rate of adult abuse/neglect: Victims reported to Adult Protective Services, Vermont Department of Aging & Disabilities, of persons aged 60 years or older, or those 18 and older with diagnosed disabilities, found to have been victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Rate is per 10,000 population aged 18 and older. Data are by state fiscal year. Sources: Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Percent successful job placements among consumers of Vocational Rehabilitation services: Rate is the percent of all Vocational Rehabilitation cases closed within the year named, that received services that resulted in job placements. Source: Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Balance of institutional and home & community-based ("waiver") options for long-term care: The proportion of Medicaid-funded nursing home beds, versus slots in home and community-based care settings, for those requiring long-term care services. Source: Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living.

Percent of youth who report they feel valued by their community: Surveyed youth who “agree” or “strongly agree” with the statement, “In my community, I feel like I matter to people.” Not all schools participated in the survey. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs, and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Percent of youth who report they have an adult they can usually turn to for help and advice: Surveyed youth who answered affirmatively to this item. Not all schools participated in the survey. Data refer to all surveyed students, including those who do not reside in the towns covered by the supervisory union. Source: Vermont Department of Health, Office of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs, and Vermont Department of Education, *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*.

Court petitions filed for “Relief From Domestic Abuse”: A plaintiff, with the assistance of a court worker, can file an affidavit at any time of day or night. Not all filings result in a signed court-order. Prior to fiscal year 1991, cases were filed in District or Superior Court; subsequent cases were filed in Family Court. Rate is per 10,000 population. Sources: Vermont Office of the Court Administrator; Vermont Department of Health, Population Estimates.

Rate of violent crime: Incidents of homicide, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery reported by local law enforcement agencies to the Vermont Department of Public Safety. Rate is per 100,000 population. Source: Vermont Department of Public Safety, *Vermont Crime Report*.

Rate of sexual assault: Reported rapes and other sexual offenses: Offenders and victims may be of any age. Many such crimes are unreported. Rate is per 1,000 population. Source: Vermont Department of Public Safety, *Vermont Crime Report*.

Percent living in affordable housing: Percent of households paying less than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs (including rent or mortgage, taxes, and utilities). Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Percent met need for child care: Number of regulated child care slots as a percent of need for child care. Slots are estimated by capacity figures as of summer of the named year. For 1994, based on estimates of the number of two-earner and working single-parent households, need was estimated at 50 percent of the population aged 0-12; for 1998-02, need was estimated at 55 percent. Sources: Ad Hoc Task Force on Child Care, *Investing in Vermont's Future: Strategies for Strengthening Vermont's Child Care Infrastructure*, 1995; Vermont Department for Children & Families.

40 Developmental Assets

EXTERNAL ASSETS

SUPPORT

1. *Family support*: Family life provides high levels of love and support
2. *Positive family communication*: Parents and child communicate positively; child is willing to seek parents' advice and counsel
3. *Other adult relationships*: Child receives support from three or more non-parent adults
4. *Caring neighborhood*: Child experiences caring neighbors
5. *Caring school climate*: School provides a caring, encouraging environment
6. *Parent involvement in schooling*: Parents are actively involved in helping child succeed in school

EMPOWERMENT

7. *Community values youth*: Child perceives that community adults value youth
8. *Youth given useful roles*: Youth are given useful roles in community life
9. *Community service*: Child gives one hour or more per week to serving in one's community.
10. *Safety*: Child feels safe in home, school, and neighborhood

BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS

11. *Family boundaries*: Family has clear rules and consequences, and monitors whereabouts
12. *School boundaries*: School provides clear rules and consequences
13. *Neighborhood boundaries*: Neighbors would report undesirable behavior to family
14. *Adult role models*: Parent(s) and other adults model pro-social behavior
15. *Positive peer influence*: Child's best friends model responsible behavior
16. *High expectations*: Both parents and teachers press child to achieve

TIME

17. *Creative activities*: Involved three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts
18. *Youth programs*: Involved three hours or more per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or community organizations
19. *Religious community*: Involved one or more hours per week
20. *Time at home*: Out with friends "with nothing special to do," two or fewer nights per week

INTERNAL ASSETS

EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT

- 21. *Achievement motivation*: Child is motivated to do well in school
- 22. *School performance*: Child has B average or better
- 23. *Homework*: Child reports one or more hours of homework per day
- 24. *Bonding to school*: Child cares about her/his school
- 25. *Reading for pleasure*: Child reads for pleasure three or more hours per week

VALUES

- 26. *Caring*: Child places high value on helping other people
- 27. *Equality and social justice*: Child places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty
- 28. *Integrity*: Child acts on convictions, stands up for her/his beliefs
- 29. *Honesty*: Child “tells the truth even when it is not easy”
- 30. *Responsibility*: Child accepts and takes personal responsibility
- 31. *Restraint*: Child believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES

- 32. *Planning and decision-making*: Child has skill to plan ahead and makes choices
- 33. *Interpersonal competence*: Child has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills
- 34. *Cultural competence*: Child has knowledge of, and comfort with, people of different racial backgrounds
- 35. *Resistance skills*: Child can resist negative peer pressure
- 36. *Peaceful conflict resolution*: Child seeks to resolve conflict non-violently

POSITIVE IDENTITY

- 37. *Personal control*: Child feels she/he has control over “things that happen to me”
- 38. *Self-esteem*: Child reports high self esteem
- 39. *Sense of purpose*: Child reports “my life has a purpose”
- 40. *Positive view of personal future*: Child is optimistic about his/her personal future